

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ROBERT D. PUETT

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert D. Puett and recognize his contributions to homeless families and adults in Marin County, CA. Mr. Puett is retiring after 23 years of service with Homeward Bound of Marin.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Bob earned a degree in sociology at San Francisco State University in 1972 and trained as a disaster shelter manager for the American Red Cross in 1983.

In 1987, Bob began working as a counselor in Marin's winter emergency shelter program and joined Homeward Bound as a program director the following year. He managed shelters for the Red Cross following the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 and the Oakland Hills wildfire in 1991.

Always an advocate for those in need, Bob stayed involved when neighbors of the winter shelter protested its location at the Marin County Armory. With authorization from then-Marin County Supervisor Bob Roumiguere, he managed an encampment at the Marin County Civic Center from April to October 1992 to demonstrate the need for a year-round shelter.

The program moved several times in the next two years, landing at the former Hamilton Air Force Base in Novato in 1994. Bob recalls managing the shelter in a large surplus Army tent on a site that flooded regularly and, at least once, lost its roof. Eventually the shelter moved to the warehouse on the site of today's Homeward Bound headquarters.

Taking advantage of legislation that authorized homeless services on decommissioned military bases, Bob helped lead a public education campaign to persuade neighbors of the Hamilton base to create a year-round shelter. I am proud to have worked with Bob, the City of Novato and the Navy, which led to the opening of the 80-bed New Beginnings Center in 2000 with full community support. It was the first such shelter built in the country on a decommissioned military site.

Bob became deputy director at Homeward Bound in June 2000, continuing to build on his desire to offer homeless people not only "a hot and a cot"—a meal and a bed—but an avenue out of homelessness. He oversaw development of the Next Key Center, also at Hamilton, which opened in November 2008 with 32 studio apartments, new offices for Homeward Bound, an expanded kitchen for job training and an event space for public rental.

The Marin County Human Rights Commission honored Bob's commitment and contributions to improving opportunities for people in need with its Martin Luther King, Jr., Award in 2006.

At his retirement party, Bob accepted a "Hair Raising Challenge" and allowed his

trademark ponytail to be cut in exchange for a \$30,000 contribution to support shelter and job training programs at Homeward Bound.

In retirement, Mr. Puett plans to join Homeward Bound's board of directors.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we thank Mr. Robert Puett for his many years of service on behalf of the people of Marin County. He has worked tirelessly to demonstrate his unwavering belief that people can overcome great obstacles to change their lives for the better. For this, he deserves our appreciation.

HONORING EVAN BLASINGAME OF
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Evan Blasingame, who is being honored as the Napa County 2011 Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Blasingame has taught United States History and International Baccalaureate History of the Americas at St. Helena High School since 2007. Before his move to the Napa Valley he taught in Mendocino County, where he was named Laytonville High School Teacher of the Year.

To Evan, teaching and learning do not stop at the classroom door. Throughout his teaching career, Evan has volunteered to serve as Academic Decathlon Coach, National Honor Society advisor, Interact Club advisor and English Club advisor. He has also supported his peers by serving as St. Helena Teachers Association Site Representative, WASC Team Leader, Teacher Representative to the District Advisory Council and Cofounder of the Vets Back to School Program.

Mr. Blasingame is known as one of the hardest working teachers in Napa County. His door is always open to his students to ensure they reach their fullest potential. He is an engaging speaker who is incredibly passionate about his subject matter and his passion is passed onto his students. He makes history fun and accessible.

A great teacher can have an impact on a young person that lasts forever. All of us can remember a teacher who has had a profound influence on our lives. Mr. Blasingame has had this impact on hundreds of students and is a sterling example of the best his profession has to offer.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Evan Blasingame for the leadership, guidance and inspiration he has provided to hundreds of young people throughout his career. I join his wife, Hiromi, his son Kai and the entire community in thanking him for his service and wishing him continued success and fulfillment.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT NEFF OF
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Paul Neff of Grapevine, Texas. Robert passed away September 10, 2010 and leaves behind a strong legacy of public service.

Robert served as manager of the Criminal Justice Programs, CJP, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, NCTCOG, starting in 1999. The CJP facilitates community-planning groups, provides technical assistance to develop successful grant programs and assists local units of government in solutions to common challenges within a 16-county region. Since 2001, he served the Texas Association of Regional Councils Criminal Justice Planners Association as its secretary, chair, and communications liaison to local, regional, State, and Federal agencies. He was also a member of the Advisory Council and Board of Directors of the National Criminal Justice Association and the American Society for Industrial Security, serving as its president of the West Michigan Chapter in 1984.

Prior to coming to North Texas, Robert was a law enforcement officer in Kalamazoo, Michigan for almost 22 years, retiring as a detective assigned to auto theft, street gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs, and militia groups. He received a master of Social Work degree in Correctional Administration from Western Michigan University, where he also was an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Program in the Department of Sociology.

Robert has been described as "street savvy" and applied this knowledge to the criminal justice grant program, helping secure millions of dollars for funding for programs used by local governments and nonprofit organizations. He had the respect of his peers throughout Texas, and was sought by many for his advice.

A believer in service to local governments and the criminal justice community, Robert brought critical thinking, innovation and grant funding experience to enhance the level of public safety expertise and protection to North Texans. Robert also invested in his community through the First United Methodist Church of Grapevine, Texas. He was respected by all who met him, and will be greatly missed. Robert was also active in pulmonary fibrosis organization and outreach.

Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise today to remember Robert Neff. It is my privilege to have this opportunity to honor his life and legacy.

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TRIBUTE TO MAE LILLIAN
MITCHELL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mae Lillian Mitchell of Boone, Iowa, on the recent celebration of her 100th birthday on August 26, 2010.

Mae was born on August 26, 1910 in Keystone, Iowa. In 1944, she married Raymond B. Mitchell and they were together until his death, when he was ninety-one years old. They have two children, Lois and David; and have two grandchildren, Melissa and Andy. Mae is currently residing at the Evangelical Free Church Home in Boone, Iowa. She maintains an extensive collection of poetry and a collection of antique porcelain dolls.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Mae's birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Mae has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in sending warm wishes to Mae on the milestone of her 100th birthday. I am extremely honored to represent her in Congress, and I wish her happiness and health for many more years to come.

RECOGNITION OF CHARLES RUSSELL FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SERVICE IN IRAQ

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles Russell for his inspiring work to help rebuild the Iraqi agricultural sector. As a civilian volunteer, Mr. Russell not only helped those directly affected by his service, but also contributed to the overall rebuilding of the Iraqi community.

Along with our men and women in uniform, volunteers such as Charles Russell are an integral part of our mission in Iraq and Afghanistan. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Russell grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and became an agricultural statistician and expert in the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Selflessly leaving his family and home, Mr. Russell volunteered to serve 16 months helping people he had never met. Mr. Russell served as a USDA Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) agricultural expert on both the embedded PRT-Baghdad 4 and the embedded PRT-Baghdad South in Baghdad Province. He was one of the only civilians in these groups.

Mr. Russell tirelessly worked to create the Mahmudiyah Higher Agricultural Association

(MHAA), a non-governmental organization dedicated to helping Iraqi farmers get access to new technologies, equipment, and low-cost credit. Additionally, Mr. Russell helped the Iraqi people strengthen their communities, improve management of natural resources, and rebuild agricultural markets. For his work he received the U.S. Department of State's meritorious honor award for his sustained, dedicated, and successful efforts. As John D. Brewer, the Foreign Agricultural Service administrator, said, "the efforts of people like Charles are crucial for helping to create stable, democratic, and economically viable societies in countries like Iraq."

I commend Mr. Russell for his undeniable dedication, outstanding personal character, and unwavering commitment to those less fortunate than himself. On September 8, 2010, the United States Department of Agriculture honored Mr. Russell at its Service Recognition Ceremony for USDA employees that have completed deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq. I am proud to recognize and honor Charles Russell for his efforts and patriotism.

CONGRATULATING THE INTERNATIONAL TAOIST TAI CHI SOCIETY ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the International Taoist Tai Chi Society on their organization's 40th anniversary.

Predominantly managed by volunteers, the Taoist Tai Chi Society instructs members in internal arts and methods which focus on recovering, improving, and maintaining health and wellness. In following the aims and objectives of its founder, Master Moy Lin-shin, the society also promotes preserving the "essence of tradition in the modern world" and the "dual cultivation of mind and body."

With locations in more than 25 countries around the world, the International Taoist Tai Chi Society unites individuals of different cultures and dialects, creating an international community. I am pleased to note that, in my own 5th Congressional District, the society opened a non-profit, Arizona Chapter in 2008. This chapter has both helped to improve the health of members in my district and facilitate their connection with others throughout the world interested in similar practices.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Arizona Chapter of the International Taoist Tai Chi Society and the entire organization on its 40th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in con-

gratulating the Michigan Economic Developers Association as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. The year-long celebration will culminate during their annual meeting this week in Traverse City Michigan.

The Michigan Economic Developers Association was formed in 1960 to assist local economic development organizations. Over the years they have provided education, information and training to local economic development leaders. Currently 470 members representing all parts of Michigan form the leadership team committed to training economic development practitioners and advancing the economic climate of the State.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to be able to congratulate the members of the Michigan Economic Development Association as they celebrate 50 years of leadership in the economic development arena. The men and women of the Association have volunteered their time, energy, resources and insight to improve the economic climate of the State of Michigan and I wish them the best as they develop new, innovative ideas for our communities.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the creation of real estate investment trusts and congratulate the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts on 50 years of service to their membership.

Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) opened the door for all investors to participate in large-scale commercial real estate investments. Prior to the passage of tax law in 1960 that provided for the establishment of REITs, this opportunity was generally available only to large financial institutions and wealthy individuals through direct investment in the real estate.

Today, REITs own approximately \$500 billion of commercial real estate assets and 132 REITs are traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Last year, REITs paid out approximately \$13.5 billion in dividends. This access to publically traded and regulated securities has expanded investment and diversification opportunities for millions of Americans and provided more options as they plan and invest for their retirement security.

REITs have become an important piece of the U.S. economy and investment markets, and I congratulate the industry on their 50th anniversary.

HONORING LOU SANDERS

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Lou Sanders for an

outstanding career in journalism and long-standing dedication to serving the people of Long Island, New York. As the owner of the Mineola America for 40 years and as the writer of the Mineola America column Around the Town with Lou, Mr. Sanders serves as a staple to the residents of Mineola. For these reasons and many others, I believe he is worthy of recognition.

Mr. Sanders earned his degree in journalism at New York University and has been an irreplaceable asset to his community in many capacities. Lou has been elected the position of President of the Mineola Chamber of Commerce five times and has been elected twice for the position of President of the Nassau County Press Association. Lou and his wife Grace started the Mineola America in 1952 and, after 40 years, sold the paper to Anton Community Newspapers. As the current writer of the Mineola America column Around the Two with Lou, Mr. Sanders consistently offers the community encouraging words about the issues affecting Long Islanders' day-to-day life.

Lou is a part of what makes Mineola, New York a wonderful place to live, and I am grateful to him for all that he has provided to the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for his contributions to society.

HONORING CHILDREN'S
FAIRYLAND 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th Anniversary of Children's Fairyland, the quintessential storybook park on the shores of Oakland's Lake Merritt. Since its debut in 1950, Fairyland has been an affordable and charming haven for children to play, dream and explore the reaches of their imaginations.

It was the vision of local businessman Arthur Navlet in 1948 that led to the civic-minded Lake Merritt Breakfast Club's endorsement of an innovative children's park consisting of fairytale and storybook sets, farm animals and live entertainment for families. With the support of Oakland's Parks Superintendent William Penn Mott, Jr., the Breakfast Club's record-breaking fundraising efforts, and the creative design of architect William Russell Everitt, Fairyland opened its gates on September 2, 1950.

Word of the whimsical attraction soon spread, due in large part to the efforts of City of Oakland Parks and Recreation information representative Burton Weber, who helped to create publicity through the famed "Fairyland Personalities" program for eight- to 10-year-old community representatives. Since then, Fairyland has enchanted countless children and families throughout the nation, and its success has relied on the commitment and ingenuity of generations of volunteers, community leaders, patrons and staff.

One of Children's Fairyland's famed visitors was the then unknown, Walt Disney. In fact, it is believed that the park inspired some of the ideas for his world-famous Disneyland Magic Kingdom, which opened in southern California in 1955.

In the early 1990s, after falling into some disrepair, Fairyland enjoyed a renaissance when its long-time patrons and supporters in the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club proposed that it become a nonprofit organization. Now, as a 501(c)(3) organization, Children's Fairyland can apply for grant funding to support its upkeep and growth. Part of Fairyland's universal appeal is its simple ability to entertain all types of families, especially the underserved. Through a grant from Alameda County's Every Child Counts, Fairyland currently waives the cost of admission for approximately 4,000 low-income children each year.

In a rapidly changing 21st century, Fairyland is a local treasure—a place where both children and adults can find the time and space to enjoy the simple pleasures of childhood. While it harkens back to times of pastoral bliss and fanciful characters, it also provides a sense of timelessness and calm in the midst of an urban city. Fairyland's long list of accolades includes being named "Best of the Bay" from the San Francisco Chronicle, "Best Amusement Park" and "Best Children's Theater" from Bay Area Parent, and "Best Birthday Party" from Diablo Magazine.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this important milestone. I want to thank all of the many people who have contributed to the continued success of Children's Fairyland. I wish you the very best.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TOWN OF TRYON,
NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 125th anniversary of the town of Tryon in western North Carolina. Tryon, a town of 1,760 residents, has a very rich and important history and culture.

In 1767, William Tryon, Royal Colonial Governor of North Carolina, negotiated a demarcation line to separate territory claimed by settlers from Cherokee hunting grounds to the west. In 1877, the Asheville-Spartanburg Railroad created a line to connect the markets and ports of the South Carolina Lowcountry to the people and resources of western North Carolina, Tennessee, and the Ohio River valley, which had a significant impact on the direction of the region's economic and social development.

One of Tryon's most famous early residents, William Gillette, was a noted actor who, in collaboration with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, created the stage version of Sherlock Holmes in 1889. In 1915, Eleanor Vance and Charlotte Yale moves to Tryon and founded Tryon Toy-makers and Wood Carvers, which trained local craftsmen for the creation of artisan furniture and toys that were sold worldwide. In 1928, Seth Vining launched the world's smallest daily newspaper, the Tryon Daily Bulletin. In that same year, two Tryon physicians, Dr. Allen J. Jervey and Dr. Marion C. Palmer, founded the 25-bed St. Luke's hospital with funds from an initial bequest by Miss Lucy Embury, a grant from Duke Foundation, and \$57,000 contributed by local citizens.

The town has also contributed to the leadership and historic preservation of North Carolina, sending Carroll P. Rogers to serve as State Representative in 1929, 1939, and 1941. Rogers cosponsored a bill enabling the state to purchase the site of Tryon Palace in New Bern. In 1933, internationally renowned singer and human rights activist Nina Simone (nee Eunice Waymon) was born in Tryon. Lastly, in 1985, Foothills Equestrian Nature Center (F.E.N.C.E) came into being as a nonprofit nature education and outdoor recreation center, built around an original contribution of 112 acres from the Mahler family, which emigrated to Tryon in the 1920s.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to rise with me in recognizing the amazing contributions of the town of Tryon on its 125th anniversary. The purpose of this commendation is to increase public awareness of the considerable natural assets and cultural heritage Tryon offers to its citizens and visitors and to encourage their active participation in the yearlong celebration of the town and its history.

THOMAS BURKE RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you to honor Mr. Thomas A. Burke on his retirement from his position as Business Representative for the Chicago Pipe Fitters. Tom, a member of Pipe Fitters Local #597 for many years, has made the interests of his fellow tradesmen his top priority. For his devotion and lifetime of service to the Pipe Fitters, Tom was honored at a retirement dinner that took place Saturday, August 21, 2010.

Tom Burke has been a proud member of Local #597 since he began his apprenticeship 44 years ago. From the moment Tom began his apprenticeship, he received the unmarked title of second generation pipe fitter, following his father along with his brother, Dennis. Since his apprenticeship, Tom has held many positions, including journeyman, foreman, and superintendent. While working as a skilled and dedicated pipe fitter, Tom assumed numerous roles of leadership. He served for one term as a member of the Federation of Labor Board, joining an honorable group that stands up for working men and women, and giving his time to an organization that creates a united voice for Chicago's labor movement. He went on from there to serve one term on the Examining Board, dedicating his time and expertise in assisting with apprentice entrance examinations. His leadership roles continued as Tom served two plus terms on the Executive Board that made important decisions on various union matters. In such a prestigious position, Tom was able to display his well developed leadership skills. All of this past experience culminated in Tom's election to the office of Business Representative in 1998. He held this honorable office until his retirement in 2010.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty from its tradesmen. From one leadership position to the next, Tom has continued that history as he displayed his unwavering dedication to the

members of the Pipe Fitters and other trades. He took on tasks that benefited not just tradesmen but also the greater community. The Pipe Fitters have supported and assisted the community through their unwavering dedication, and the community continues to turn to the trades when in need, and the Pipe Fitters have been one of its greatest assets.

Tom's dedication and loyalty to the trades is matched only by his devotion to his family. His commitment to his community is truly admirable, but his commitment to his family is most impressive. Tom and his devoted wife, Barbara, have one son, Brian, and one daughter, Shannon.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Thomas A. Burke for his lifetime of leadership, service, and dedication to the community. He has given his time and efforts selflessly to the tradesmen he has worked with and represented, as well as to the people of Northwest Indiana. He has a personality that motivates those around him to work hard and be successful. His fellow officers and brother Pipe Fitters respect him and find him to be a role model and a true friend. For his service and uncompromising dedication, Thomas A. Burke is worthy of the highest praise, and I ask that you join me in wishing him well upon his retirement.

RECOGNIZING RETIRING COACH JERRY DAWSON FOR 37 INSPIRING AND EXCEPTIONAL YEARS

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coach Jerry Dawson's retirement as Chaparral High School's Head Baseball Coach after 37 inspiring and exceptional years.

Coach Dawson is a well-known figure at Chaparral High School in Arizona's 5th Congressional District. Since the school's very first varsity baseball season in 1974, he has been at the helm of the team as the head baseball coach. During his tenure, he led the Firebirds' baseball team to an amazing 23 regional championships, finished in the "final four" 19 times, attained state runner up on four occasions, and won the state champions eight times.

Coach Dawson's dedication to baseball and the students of Chaparral High School is remarkable. In addition to creating and managing a successful baseball program, Jerry Dawson contributed much of his time to students as an instructor of Physical Education and as the school's Athletic Director. Through these careers, he has inspired thousands of Arizona's youth and been recognized as the "Coach of the Year" in Arizona nine times and the national "Coach of the Year" three times. And, although he is retiring as a coach at Chaparral, I am pleased to note that Coach Dawson will continue to motivate young baseball players in the upcoming season as an assistant baseball coach at Yavapai College.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the retirement of an outstanding member of Arizona's 5th Congressional District, Coach Jerry Dawson, and congratulate him on

his new position as the assistant coach at Yavapai College.

HONORING JAZZ ARTIST AND MUSIC EDUCATOR MARCUS BELGRAVE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and career of a friend and fellow Detroit, Marcus Belgrave. He will be honored at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference Jazz Issue Forum and Concert on September 16, 2010. Belgrave is a living jazz impresario; he plays, writes, composes, and teaches. In doing so, he has inspired other artists such as Geri Allen and Kenny Garrett.

In 2009, Marcus Belgrave was honored by the Kresge Foundation as their Eminent Artist. Belgrave's career has spanned many generations. During this time, he has worked with many of the great musicians of our time: Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Charles Mingus, McCoy Tyner, Dizzy Gillespie, Eric Dolphy, Aretha Franklin, Wynton Marsalis and Joe Henderson. Every musician he has played with can attest to his skill as a musician and composer.

Belgrave's career started at the age of 18 with several collaborations with Ray Charles. He was given a solo on the song Alexander's Ragtime Band on the album The Genius of Ray Charles. We have heard Belgrave's talents as a musician demonstrated on some of Motown's greatest hit records such as My Girl and Dancing in the Street. Belgrave is also an original member of Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

In 1997, as a jazz ambassador, Belgrave carried the sounds of American jazz to Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. In 1997, he traveled with five other Michigan jazz masters to Egypt, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Syria, Tunisia, and Turkey as part of a six-nation cultural exchange sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Belgrave gravitated toward working with young musicians in Detroit during the 1970s. He established the Jazz Development Workshop and co-founded the Jazz Studies Program at the Detroit Metro Arts Complex. He is also a professor of Jazz studies at Oberlin College in Ohio. Many of his young protégés have established successful careers in the music industry.

Madam Speaker, Marcus Belgrave's career has been nothing short of legendary. He has had a lasting impact on the music community of Detroit and is recognized and appreciated around the world. His contributions as a performer, composer and educator deserve the recognition of this body. I urge all Members to acquaint themselves with this great artist and his music.

A TRIBUTE TO ONEONTA CON- GREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SOUTH PASADENA

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oneonta Congregational Church of South Pasadena upon its centennial anniversary.

Oneonta Congregational Church was established in South Pasadena in 1910, when the Ladies Aid Society called upon Dr. I. Curtis Meserve, D.D. to be the first pastor of the developing church. The first services were held in the new high school and then in the parsonage bungalow, and the first Sunday school met in a garden. Founders Day was October 12, 1910, when officers were elected at the first official meeting. In 1911, land on Fletcher Avenue was acquired for the first church building, which was completed in 1925. The church was named after Henry E. Huntington's home town, the City of Oneonta, New York and it is a Native American name that means "place of rest."

Since its inception one hundred years ago, Oneonta Congregational church has only had twelve senior ministers serve the church. One of the most beloved ministers was Dr. Henry David Gray, the church's fifth senior minister. Under his leadership, land was purchased and the new sanctuary was constructed. Dedicated on October 12, 1950, with the first worship service held on October 15, the sanctuary, located on Garfield Avenue on the grounds of the former Boothe estate, was designed by award-winning architect Herbert Powell and was featured in Life Magazine for its beauty. Fellowship hall was completed in 1954, and the Christian education building was completed in 1972.

During the ministry of Dr. Gray, membership grew from 703 to 2,157. He instituted workshops and interest groups, which included participation in worship services, program building, recreational activities and work in the church office, and organized the pilgrim fellowship for youth and led youth church members on significant journeys overseas.

Other notable senior ministers include Dr. Charles Copenhaver, who hosted Sunday night radio broadcasts called "Let's Talk," and Dr. Edwin Roberts, the longest-serving minister at twenty-one years, who was instrumental in increasing church members' participation in voluntary church responsibilities and sharing resources generously with those in need. The twelfth and current minister is Reverend Douglas Brandt, who has added a contemporary worship service and increased outreach to youth. In addition to Oneonta Congregational Church's own ministries, such as their music, adult, and youth ministries, congregants also volunteer for various organizations such as Door of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, Neighborhood Urban Family Center, Union Station Homeless Services, YMCA, Foothill Unity Center, Pan American Institute and the Ronald McDonald House.

I consider it a privilege to recognize the Oneonta Congregational Church of South Pasadena, and I invite all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation upon one hundred years of service to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARINE
CORPORAL JOHN BISHOP

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, Southern Indiana lost another of its brave sons. Marine Corporal John Bishop was killed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan after sustaining wounds from enemy small arms fire. He was 25 years old, and born in Batesville, IN.

Cpl. Bishop wanted to be a Marine from a very young age. After graduating from Southwestern Shelby High School in 2003, he immediately enlisted in the Corps. After joining he and his brother, Tyson, also a Marine, would often taunt each other as to who was the "tougher" Marine.

It was in the Marines that John met his wife, Cristle. The two were recently married and expecting their first child together, a daughter, next month. After his tour in Afghanistan—his third combat tour already having served twice in Iraq—Bishop planned to separate from the Marines, go to college to become a conservation officer, and start a life with his new wife and daughter, and his son K-Sean. Bishop's mother described her son as being ecstatic about starting a new chapter in his life. Sadly, that dream was cut short.

Cpl. John Bishop is the epitome of a true American hero. He and his family's sacrifice deserve our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude. Though I did not have the pleasure of meeting Cpl. Bishop, I mourn his death. His loved ones are in my prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BEVERLY
KEELERS

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Beverly Keelers, an outstanding African American women's softball team, created during the 1920's by Mrs. Margaret Hicks Morris and her sister in Beverly, New Jersey.

The Beverly Keelers, also known as the "Killers," played softball up and down the East Coast. The Keelers took on all competition including opponents of the opposite sex. The Keelers were considered iconic during their time and in a tumultuous period in our nation's history, they reminded others of the diversity that made America the greatest nation on Earth. The Keelers captivated its local audience, even leading to a local businessman to incentivize the team for reaching benchmarks like strikeouts, homeruns and shutouts. In 1938, the Keelers earned the auspicious honor of a state championship by beating a team from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

While the team eventually disbanded, it reorganized in the 1950's as the Beverly Amazons and continued its success for many more years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of this groundbreaking women's softball team whose love for the sport brought pleasure and inspiration to many.

RECOGNIZING EDWARDSVILLE, IL-
LINOIS, AS ONE OF THE TEN
BEST TOWNS FOR FAMILIES

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwardsville, Illinois. The city was recently declared by Family Circle magazine as one of our nation's ten best towns for families.

Edwardsville was praised by Family Circle for meeting the magazine's criteria of having "affordable housing, good neighbors, green spaces, strong public school systems and giving spirits." It should also be noted that Edwardsville is the only city in Illinois that appeared on Family Circle's list.

Edwardsville has developed substantially since its humble beginnings in 1805 with just a single log cabin into a thriving community. Today, Edwardsville is home to 46 acres of wildlife preserve, numerous parks, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. It is also the location for some of the areas largest construction companies including: Dean and Sons Construction, Phelps Construction and Thiems Construction.

I would like to join my colleagues in recognizing the city of Edwardsville as it is recognized for its many accomplishments. Edwardsville has proven to be an excellent educational, economic and family community that deserves any honor bestowed upon it.

HONORING DAVID HAROLD
BLACKWELL, PH.D.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. David Harold Blackwell, world-famous statistician, the first African American inducted into the National Academy of Sciences, professor emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley, and the university's first African American tenured faculty member. He was an elegant theoretician, an accomplished scholar and a devoted friend, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and colleague. Dr. Blackwell passed away on Thursday, July 8, 2010, in Berkeley, California, at the age of 91.

Born April 24, 1919, David Harold Blackwell was the oldest of Mr. and Mrs. Grover and Mabel Blackwell's four children. During his humble upbringing in Centralia, Illinois, David taught himself to read by studying the labels of supplies at his grandfather's store. In 1935, at the age of 16, he entered the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with plans to become an elementary school teacher. At a time

when there were no African American professors, David Blackwell graduated with a B.A. in mathematics and continued at the university, earning a master's degree in 1939, and a Ph.D. in mathematics in 1941, at the age of 22.

After being awarded a Rosenwald Fellowship for black scholars and winning a top fellowship to Princeton University's Institute for Advanced Study, Dr. Blackwell experienced the first of several career obstacles caused by racial prejudice. Undaunted by unequal treatment at Princeton and a blocked appointment at the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Blackwell sent out applications to over a hundred black colleges. He eventually joined the faculty at Howard University in 1944, fast becoming the head of the mathematics department.

A lecture in Washington D.C. by Agriculture Department statistician Meyer A. Girschick not only influenced Dr. Blackwell's interest in statistics, but also initiated a close friendship and collaboration between the two colleagues. Their 1954 book, "The Theory of Games and Statistical Decisions," established them as leaders in the burgeoning field of game theory, a mathematical analysis of winning strategies that can be applied to economics, biology, engineering, military strategy, political science and international relations.

From 1948 to 1950, Dr. Blackwell used his expertise in game theory as a consultant to the U.S. military and RAND Corporation. His innovative take on established studies in multiple disciplines led to groundbreaking work in the mathematics of multistage decision-making, a textbook on Bayesian statistics, the independent invention of dynamic programming, and the development of the Rao-Blackwell Theorem.

In 1955, more than a decade after Dr. Blackwell withstood racial discrimination and the loss of an appointment, he accepted tenure as a UC Berkeley professor. He became Statistics Department Chairman, as well as assistant dean of the College of Letters and Science from 1964 to 1968. A self-described "teacher," Dr. Blackwell mentored 65 Ph.D. students, wrote two books, and published more than 80 papers during his long career. He held 12 honorary degrees, including from Harvard, Yale, Carnegie Mellon and Howard universities. Throughout his life, Dr. Blackwell's worldwide accolades and professional and philanthropic associations became too numerous to count.

Though Dr. Blackwell was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 62 years, Ann Madison Blackwell, and four of his eight children, his surviving family members, including 14 grandchildren, are proud to celebrate his remarkable life as they mourn his passing.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors Dr. David Harold Blackwell. Named one of the Four American Mathematicians Who Changed the World, we also recognize that he changed countless lives for the better. Our community is indebted to his life's contribution in myriad ways. He was a tremendous role model for the African American community and a compassionate, progressive advocate for peace and equality. We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Blackwell's family and his extended group of loved ones. May his soul rest in peace.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JEAN K.
HOLBROOK, ED.D

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an extraordinary educator and community leader, Dr. Jean K. Holbrook, who is retiring after four decades of outstanding service in San Mateo County, California. Under her leadership, county schools have made impressive and promising strides forward, teaching students to love learning and preparing them to enter a globalized workforce.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Dr. Holbrook received her Bachelor's Degree in English from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, before moving to California for further studies. Already committed to educational leadership, she earned a Master's Degree in Secondary Education and Educational Administration from San Francisco State University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of San Francisco.

A longtime resident of San Mateo, Dr. Holbrook began working as a researcher for the San Mateo Education Research Center and rose to become its Director. Since then, she served as Deputy Superintendent and Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services, before being appointed San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools in January 2006, and subsequently elected to a four-year term in 2007.

As Superintendent, Dr. Holbrook oversaw a \$1.5 billion budget, instructional and curricular assistance, and special education for 23 school districts and nearly 90,000 students. Announcing her decision to serve a second term, Dr. Holbrook stated her desire "to make the county office more effective in providing countywide leadership." Dr. Holbrook succeeded. During her tenure, schools and scores improved substantially, and her committed efforts were widely praised. Dr. Holbrook took pride in San Mateo County's gains, while soberly noting that "the challenge remains to meet the needs of all students and to close the achievement gap where it exists." For Dr. Holbrook, the glass was neither half full nor half empty. She believed, as did William Butler Yeats, that "education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

She worked hard to 'light that fire,' serving on a wide array of civic and educational organizations in addition to her career with the San Mateo County Office of Education. Dr. Holbrook is a member of the First 5 Commission and the California County Superintendents Educational Association Pre-K Task Force, chairs the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council, and co-chairs the Child Care Partnership Council. Involving herself in all aspects of her community, she is also active in the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Jean Holbrook's forty years of extraordinary leadership. Throughout her career, Dr. Holbrook's greatest gift was that she never forgot to treat each and every one of her 90,000 students as individuals with extraordinary potential. When she retired, Dr. Holbrook thanked the County for the "profound honor of serving as Superintendent, but it is San Mateo County and the surrounding

communities that are honored by her contributions. As a San Mateo County resident and public servant, I am extremely proud to call Dr. Holbrook my friend and even prouder of the profoundly positive impact of her life's work on our community, on our children, and on our country.

HONORING FRED WOehl FOR USDA SERVICE IN IRAQ

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Fred Woehl for his service, sacrifice and commitment to establishing stability and security in Iraq. Woehl taught Iraqis the agriculture lessons he learned as a farmer and as a farm loan manager for the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for 33 years.

Woehl served on the Mosul PRT in Ninewa, Iraq from 2008 to 2009. While in Iraq, he helped to revitalize interest in the Al Jerzera Irrigation project, the largest system in Iraq and developed cooperation between Ministry of Agriculture and Extension for agricultural training. His expertise and knowledge in the agriculture field helped him create a mentoring program that is ongoing; working with Iraqi citizens building greenhouses for growing tomatoes, cucumbers and melons and establishing the first all female farmer association in Iraq. He also received the Meritorious Honor award from Ambassador Chris Hill.

By empowering Iraqis with knowledge and best practices to improve their agriculture industry Woehl has helped create opportunities for development and long-term economic viability in Iraq. Fred's devotion to helping others in need is a great example of selfless Arkansas values. I am so proud of his accomplishments and the opportunities he helped create for Iraqi citizens. He's continuing to use his skills to help others around the globe. Today, Woehl is serving in Jordan to help teach people how to increase productivity on the farm, develop functioning markets, improve availability of agricultural credit, and enhance infrastructure along the supply chain.

Woehl's devotion to serving his country and helping others find better ways to use their land and provide for themselves, their families and their country is a great example of the American spirit.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH IN WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of Fairview Baptist Church in the community of Waynesville, North Carolina. Since 1910, this church has brought light and joy to the lives of many devoted members.

From its humble beginnings consisting of a congregation of eight people and a house pur-

chased for six dollars, Fairview Baptist has grown to be a proud and prominent part of the Waynesville community. Over the past hundred years, the Church has witnessed many significant moments in history from World War I to the Civil Rights Movement.

The strength and longevity of Fairview Baptist Church has proven to be an inspiration for many and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for the Church as it continues its journey through the next 100 years. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Fairview Baptist Church on its outstanding accomplishments over its 100-year history.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2010 FERRAGOSTO FESTIVAL ON BELMONT AVENUE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the most special places for culture and cuisine not only in the Bronx, but all of New York, the Ferragosto Festival on Belmont Avenue. This is a celebration that grows in size and fame with each successive year. People now travel from across the nation to sample the delicious tastes and wonderful atmosphere on display in the Bronx's own Little Italy.

Ferragosto is powered by small businesses, many family-owned, and has built a reputation for generosity to its patrons and authenticity to its cultural source. The Festival is made possible with the support of many people and institutions, perhaps none more so however than the Belmont Business Improvement District, which deserves special recognition for its efforts.

One of the landmark attractions of the Festival, and indeed a cultural touchstone for the entire city, is the Arthur Avenue Retail Market, known popularly as simply "The Market." Owned by the City of New York and located in the Belmont Community of the Bronx, The Market has a history and symbolism that is distinctly New York. Back in the 1940s, through the efforts of Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, pushcart vendors, who were largely immigrants, were taken off the streets and relocated into buildings and shelters throughout the five boroughs. The Arthur Avenue Retail Market in the Bronx was one such creation, with purveyors of Italian food, craft and specialty items. It retains today the cooperative vendor model and "old world feel" from so many years ago, endearing it to all who visit.

Importantly, The Market is currently undergoing important renovations that will ensure its stairways, halls and storage spaces will stand up to merchant demands in the new century. The goal of the project is to comprehensively renovate and modernize The Market, while maintaining the atmosphere which has made it so well-known and well-loved.

Madam Speaker, one of our most distinguishing qualities as a nation is the passion with which we celebrate our cultural diversity. At the most basic level, festivals like Ferragosto and institutions like the Arthur Avenue Retail Market are expressions of pride and honor. They are part of an exchange of

history and ideas and values that link past and future generations together. I will always be a participant and supporter of such festivals and such markets, as I view them as a reminder that no matter where we come from as New Yorkers, we are all here now, together. I ask that my colleagues join me paying tribute to Ferragosto 2010, in Belmont's Little Italy of the Bronx.

TRIBUTE TO TONY BELL

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Tony Bell. Tony was a businessman, a passionate follower of both the local and national political scenes, a lover of music and gadgets, and most importantly a loving husband and proud father.

Tony was the co-owner and operator of Tomorrow's Child Learning Center in Blytheville, Arkansas—a facility dedicated to helping young children with development and learning problems. When not working, Tony dedicated his time to others through volunteer work and community organizations. He was a member of the Lions Club, a Mason, and served on the board of the Boys and Girls Club.

Tony was never one to stay still for too long. In his free time, you could find him tinkering with electronics or listening to music. Friends sought his help if ever they needed something repaired; always willing to help, Tony would oblige.

Although never a politician himself, Tony was always immersed in the local political scene and never far from the stump. Through fundraising, civil debate with fellow residents and a general enthusiasm for the democratic process Tony served as a light for others interested in politics and a great example of what it means to be an actively engaged citizen.

To Tony's family I extend my deepest condolences, and have only fond memories to tell of Tony. He was a man that found happiness in helping others, and I ask my colleagues to join me now in recognizing a life devoted to community, family and politics—and my friend, Mr. Tony Bell.

IN HONOR OF MAURICE RUSSELL ANDERSON

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a constituent and a true American hero.

United States Army Specialist Maurice Russell Anderson, from Willingboro, New Jersey, recently returned home from combat on August 28th, 2010. While assigned to the 1st Squadron 89th Cavalry based in Fort Drum, New York, Specialist Anderson was deployed to Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Along with his fellow unit members, he served with honor to protect our nation. Specialist An-

derson was shot and wounded in combat while conducting intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations.

Specialist Anderson's devotion to his country during his combat time in Iraq is an example of true patriotism. I want to take this time to recognize his unwavering dedication to our nation and, on behalf of the United States Congress, thank him for his selfless service on the frontlines in Iraq and for his honorable contributions to our country.

HONORING ROY JOHN SPENCER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roy John Spencer. Roy Spencer is a veteran of World War II and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star medals. Roy was killed in action, at the age of 26, on January 12, 1945 in the Battle of the Bulge.

Roy Spencer was born in 1918 and he enlisted in the United States Army on January 12, 1945. He went on to serve as a member of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and fought in several battles in Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge.

In January 1945, Private Spencer and his company were attacked by German forces in the woods outside of the Belgium town of Flamizoulle. As Private Spencer and his bazooka team advanced forward, they were confronted by counterattacks from German tanks. Roy's bazooka was struck by pieces of flying shrapnel which resulted in holes being torn in the weapon's tube. Private Spencer and his teammate knew that the tanks must be stopped, despite the danger of using a faulty weapon. Without a thought for personal safety, they fired the bazooka in an attempt to stop the tanks. The weapon exploded and both men were killed instantly.

The bravery and heroism of Private Spencer inspired his company to successfully repulse the German counterattack. Private Spencer was laid to rest in the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial in Hamm, Luxembourg. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Queen Spencer.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Roy John Spencer for his service to our country, for his gallantry and for the sacrifice he made to protect his fellow soldiers. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Private Roy John Spencer.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT VINCENT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARGATE, FLORIDA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of Saint Vincent's Catholic Church in Margate, Florida. Since 1960, St. Vincent's has been a leader in charity and community service, providing trilingual religious services to Margate and the entire South Florida community.

Founded with modest beginnings, St. Vincent's first Mass was celebrated under a donated tent. However, through the hard work of their parishioners, they dedicated their first church in 1961 and eventually as the parish grew, dedicated their current church in 1980.

St. Vincent's has long been a leader in community services towards the elderly, veterans, disabled, and youth of the South Florida community. They have provided Eucharistic services in hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted-living facilities and provide prayer ministries for the sick in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. St. Vincent's continues to serve its members with daily Mass and Novena ministries, and St. Vincent's is home to a thriving religious education center which provides free religious guidance to all members of the community.

During these past 50 years, St. Vincent's Catholic Church has shown its spirit and caring for the community, and I wish the Church and all of its parishioners a happy Golden Jubilee. Congratulations on this joyous occasion and thank you for your many years of service in our South Florida community.

HONORING VONETTA MCGEE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Vonetta McGee, a trailblazing actress and local Bay Area community member. Known for her fearlessness, elegance and mastery of her craft, she was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Vonetta McGee will be remembered for her warm and vivacious presence in daily life, as well as her myriad film roles, acting beside screen legends such as Jean-Louis Trintignant, Klaus Kinski, Clint Eastwood and Sidney Poitier. With Ms. McGee's passing on July 9, 2010, we are reminded of her life's journey and the joyful legacy she inspired.

Named for her father, Lawrence Vonetta McGee was born on January 14, 1945 in San Francisco, California. She graduated from San Francisco Polytechnic High School, and briefly studied law at San Francisco State University before moving to 1960s Rome, Italy to pursue her passion for acting at Cinecittà film studios.

With the emerging popularity of Spaghetti Westerns, Ms. McGee was cast in "The Great Silence," which opened in Italy in 1967, and "Faustina," a comedy directed by Luigi Magni in 1968. She returned to the United States to appear with Sidney Poitier in "The Lost Man" (1969). And, in the early 1970s, she appeared in a string of blaxploitation pictures which made her famous, including "Blacula," "Melinda," "Hammer," and "The Big Bust-Out" in 1972, and "Shaft in Africa" in 1973.

These popular genre pictures starring African-American actors are a contested, yet important, part of cinematic history. Ms. McGee, believing that the "blaxploitation" label was a misnomer, imbued all of her characters with strength, grace and pride. She was a true professional who well knew the value and variety of entertainment. Her cast members, crew and directors often noted her kind approachability and her commitment to excellence.

In 1974, she starred in "Thomasine & Bushrod" and landed a role in Clint

Eastwood's "The Eiger Sanction" the following year. In 1977, she starred opposite Bernie Casey and Ron O'Neal in the film, "Brothers." Her later movies included "Repo Man" in 1984 and "To Sleep with Anger" in 1990, followed by an increasing amount of episodic television work.

In the mid 1980s, Vonetta McGee met and married the love of her life, actor Carl Lumbly, when she was cast as his detective character's wife in a Cagney & Lacey episode. They had a son, Brandon, and enjoyed many years together as soul mates. Vonetta is survived by her devoted husband, son, mother, three brothers and her sister.

I was always inspired by Vonetta's positive attitude, her clear thinking, her politics and her love for humankind. I still remember her genuine friendship and her gracious hospitality when she welcomed me and my family into her beautiful Berkeley home. She was a friend and an amazing talent who will be deeply missed.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors a wonderful human being, Ms. Lawrence Vonetta McGee. The contributions she made to others throughout her life are countless and precious. My thoughts are with Mr. Carl Lumbly, his family, and Vonetta's extended group of loved ones as we celebrate her incredible life. May her soul rest in peace.

HONORING DAVID WILLIAMS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Williams on his retirement as the Itasca Village Administrator. Over the past 10 years, Mr. Williams has generously served the Village of Itasca.

Prior to becoming Village Administrator, Mr. Williams worked for the Illinois State Police for thirty years. Under his skilled direction and leadership, Itasca has undergone a great transformation. The Village of Itasca has witnessed the design and completion of a new village hall, police department, and construction has recently begun on the Itasca Riverwalk. Mr. Williams also serves on the board of directors and several committees for the DuPage Mayors and Mangers Conference. His coordination and guidance for the community was one of the reasons Itasca was named one of the "150 Great Places in Illinois" by the American Institute of Architects.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Williams for his remarkable career and wishing him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF MAJOR DARREN R. BALDWIN FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SERVICE IN IRAQ

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darren Baldwin for his bravery, patri-

otism, and courage while serving in Task Force Falcon and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Major Baldwin is a true testament to the remarkable and courageous service that our soldiers provide our nation.

Major Darren R. Baldwin grew up in Worthington, Ohio. After graduating from high school, Major Baldwin attended West Point and dedicated his life to the service of his country. His first assignment was as a Field Artillery Officer to Giessen, Germany during which he was sent into combat in Kosovo as part of Task Force Falcon. Returning from his deployment, Major Baldwin continued his military training in the Special Forces Officer Qualification School in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His next tour of duty took him to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Over the next two years, he served three tours of duty.

Major Baldwin continues the tradition of excellence and service exhibited by the Green Berets and other special service members. Major Baldwin is not only a great soldier, but also a great son, husband, brother, friend, and community member. His heroic efforts to help fight the war on terror have helped to keep his country and community safe.

During his tour in Iraq on March 9 and 18, 2005, Major Baldwin was wounded by two improvised explosive devices, and suffered a traumatic brain injury. Currently, Major Baldwin is on medical convalescent leave receiving physical and neurological therapeutic treatment. The service he performed for his country, at great personal cost, has been recognized with a Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, a Meritorious Service Medal, as well as being commended by the Ohio Secretary of State.

Major Baldwin and other wounded soldiers are our country's greatest heroes. On September 11, 2010, the Green Beret Foundation honored Major Darren R. Baldwin at Purple Heart Commemorative Event for his courageous service in Iraq. In addition to recognizing Major Baldwin, this event in Worthington, Ohio honored all of our dedicated American soldiers and wounded warriors by raising money for the Green Beret foundation. I commend Major Baldwin on his courage, bravery, and unwavering commitment to his country and I am proud to recognize him for his service and patriotism.

HONORING RICHARD CORDELL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on August 27, 2010 the Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan paid tribute to Richard Cordell for 47 years of service to the club. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Flint from 1963 to 2010.

Richard Cordell has served the Rotary Club of Flint as its president from 1974–1976, club secretary/treasurer from 1980 to 2008, and club secretary/treasurer emeritus from 2008 to August, 2010. He was District Governor of Rotary International District 6330 from 1984–1985. He served as a club ambassador attending numerous Rotary events and international conventions.

In addition to his service to the Rotary Club of Flint, Richard is the past-president of the Greater Flint YMCA, a leader of First Pres-

byterian Church of Flint, and as ambassador to Flint's sister city Togliatti Russia. A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, Richard served our country during World War II as a Lieutenant Colonel as a B-26 pilot flying 62 missions including two on D-Day.

Richard will turn 93 years old on September 30th and will soon be leaving Flint to join his son Richard, daughter-in-law Anita and two granddaughters Chelsea and Katie in California.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the contributions of Richard Cordell to the Rotary Club of Flint, and the greater Flint community. He has spent his life serving with enthusiasm, living the Rotary motto of "Service above Self" and incorporating the principles of the Rotary "Four-Way Test" in his everyday life. I wish him the best as he enters this next phase of his life close to his loving family and cherished by his friends.

HONORING DR. JONES FOR THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Howard Jones, co-founder of the Howard and Georgeanna Jones Foundation for Reproductive Medicine and the Jones Institute at Eastern Virginia Medical School, for the occasion of his 100th birthday. Dr. Howard Jones and his wife Dr. Georgeanna Jones pioneered in vitro fertilization and established the Jones Institute in 1983, following the birth of America's first in vitro baby in 1981. Two years later they helped establish the Jones Foundation to ensure that groundbreaking research in the field of reproductive medicine would continue for years to come. Today, the techniques developed by the Jones team are offered at clinics around the world and have helped countless couples conceive children. I wish you a happy birthday Dr. Jones, and I thank you for your invaluable contributions to American science.

HONORING THE SOLAR POWER INITIATIVE AT MARTINS CREEK SCHOOL IN MURPHY, NC

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Martins Creek Elementary and Middle School in Murphy, North Carolina. I would like to commend the exemplary educators, administrators, and planners for their hard work, preparation, and research that led to Martins Creek School acquiring the largest public school solar power array in North Carolina. The array will produce close to an entire megawatt of power; enough energy to prevent the burning of 75 tons of coal per day for electricity production.

On May 7, 2010, Martins Creek School will hold an opening ceremony to mark the introduction of the solar array. This event highlights the school's commitment to green conservation and environmental improvement in

classrooms at Martins Creek School. It sets a high standard of environmental consciousness for other schools to study and consider.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to support and applaud this innovative Western North Carolina School for their monumental achievement. I ask my colleagues today to rise in support of solar research and environmental safety in our nation's schools, and to congratulate Martins Creek School on their environmental and educational accomplishment.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
BRANDON'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today and join with the members and staff from First Baptist Church of Brandon, Mississippi in celebrating 175 years of the ministry of the Lord's word.

Originally named Brandon Baptist Church in 1835, Brandon's First Baptist Church was established only four years after the founding of the City of Brandon. Early on, members would meet in each others' homes to listen to messages from their first pastor, T.S.N. King, before moving into a shared space at the Brandon Female Academy, where pastors would preach once a month. During this time, congregants sat under the preaching of twenty-five pastors, many of whom held other occupations such as gardening or serving in the Confederate Army. Others taught at local institutions of higher education, such as Warren S. Webb who served in 1871 as both pastor of Brandon Baptist Church and as president of my Alma Mater of Mississippi College, which is located in Clinton, Mississippi. A decade later, Pastor Lewis Carden Kellis led efforts to construct the first building, costing \$2,000, seating 250 congregants, and serving as the sanctuary until 1946.

Carl Joseph Olander carried Brandon Baptist Church through some of its more trying times. The Great Depression created economical challenges for families and businesses nationwide. One suggestion by Olander to overcome these struggles was for each family to "set a hen" and share the proceeds to help fund missions.

Pastor L. Gordan Sansing set in motion weekly worship and would guide Brandon Baptist Church to approve a building program. In 1945, the church exchanged properties with the Brandon Consolidated School District. Prior to constructing the new building, the members had met in the high school. Then, in 1948 the cornerstone for the first building on the new property was laid while Monte Davis was pastor—and the structure was dedicated in January of 1949. Pastor Carey E. Cox's leadership led to the purchase of a nearby house to alleviate space problems. The addition of a twenty-two room education and fellowship hall contributed to growth in the children's and youth activities. In June of 1965, a \$200,000 sanctuary seating 500 congregants was built, and it was during this time that the name Brandon Baptist Church was changed to First Baptist Church.

Numerous other pastors influenced the rapid escalation of First Baptist Church. Bill Duncan

focused on missions, evangelistic visitation and tithing. W. Thomas Baddley expanded the size and variety of the physical facilities, John Ashley piloted the purchase of land adjacent to the church and made plans to build a family life center, and Robert Jackson established a radio broadcast in August of 1981 and a television broadcast in April of 1984.

Dr. Gene Henderson delivered his first sermon in May of 1986. A visionary, his strong oratory skills led to the creation of a second Sunday School and a third worship service. The membership expansion led to plans for a three-phase building project in west Brandon, and construction of the new facility was completed in August of 2001. Dr. Henderson's successor, Dr. Scott Thomas, was introduced to the congregation in a series of personal meetings, and in November of 2005, Dr. Thomas introduced his wife and six children and began their pastorate at First Baptist Church. Dr. Thomas' compassionate management and pastoral skills have brought continued growth, increasing membership to First Baptist Church. In 2008, the church family purchased an additional 72 acres adjacent to their property ensuring room for future growth.

Over the past 175 years, thirty-four men have served as pastors of First Baptist Church of Brandon. Their passion, paired with the commitment of the church family, has resulted in what was originally a 43-person congregation meeting in members' homes, to a ministry today that serves hundreds from all over the Brandon community. The church founders served as pioneers for expanding God's word in Rankin County, and it was their shared vision that birthed a legacy for sharing Christ's love throughout the City of Brandon, the State of Mississippi, and throughout the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF TROPHY CLUB,
TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of Trophy Club, Texas and their 25th anniversary of township.

The vision of Trophy Club originated in 1972, when the legendary golfer, Ben Hogan, was contacted by John W. McMackin with the suggestion that he design a golf course. Subsequently, the first Municipal Utility District was created and 2,500 acres of land was obtained through negotiations with several land owners, including two critical tracts of land owned by Dallas businessman Nelson Bunker Hunt.

The visionaries desired to build a community centered on the ideals of, and participation in, the sport of golf. By 1977, the development included a community swimming pool, tennis courts, 18-hole golf course, club house, utilities and a few paved streets.

In 1985, the Town of Trophy Club was established with 3,700 residents, and elected its first mayor, Jim Carter. Since then, Trophy Club has grown to a population of over 8,000 residents with several schools, including the recently opened Byron Nelson High School. The additional parks, shopping, restaurants and investment in a new Splash Park and Fire

Station have served to make Trophy Club one of the most desirable Texas communities to call home.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize an outstanding community, Trophy Club, Texas. It is my honor to represent Trophy Club and its residents in the United States House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF THE HAITIAN
FOUNDATION

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Haitian Foundation of New Jersey and their outstanding charitable work on behalf of the Haitian communities in New Jersey and the people of Haiti.

Led by President Luna Cadley-Jeanty, The Haitian Foundation of New Jersey addresses the thoughts and concerns of the local Haitian Community, and performs charitable work which benefits the entire community. The foundation's membership represents various religious, professional, social, fraternal, educational, woman, youth, and senior citizen groups throughout the Garden State. The group's multiculturalism and tolerance has benefitted New Jersey innumerable ways.

This year when a disastrous earthquake hit Haiti, The Haitian Foundation quickly put together a large-scale local relief effort. As part of their efforts to aid the earthquake victims, they collected lifesaving supplies which went directly to the nation of Haiti. The Haitian Foundation also served as an invaluable way for Haiti to benefit from the New Jersey's generous spirit. The Haitian Foundation helped guide many organizations seeking to help the people of Haiti.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring The Haitian Foundation for their outstanding and dedicated service for those in the Haitian communities in New Jersey and in Haiti.

TRIBUTE TO DUSTIN SMITH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great achievement by Dustin Smith of Decorah, Iowa. He was named overall high point individual in his age division at the 2010 National Junior Shorthorn Show and Youth Conference in East Lansing, Michigan.

The annual National Junior Shorthorn Show and Youth Conference, which was founded in 1981, is a weeklong event full of contests and educational activities. More than 300 junior shorthorn enthusiasts from 24 states competed in this year's conference. Dustin Smith accumulated the points from first place showings in his division in three categories: the arts and crafts contest, the livestock judging contest and the team fitting contest.

The example set by Dustin demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and determination. His triumph is an honor that we all can admire and be proud of.

I am honored to represent Dustin Smith in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Dustin and wishing him continued success in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING DR. NANCY DICKEY, A 2010 INDUCTEE INTO THE TEXAS WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Nancy Dickey, who was selected to be a 2010 inductee into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. I consider Dr. Dickey a great friend, dating back to our time together at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and very deserving of this honor, which recognizes the state's most accomplished women.

Dr. Dickey has long been a leader in Texas medicine, as well as nationwide, holding the distinction of being the only female president of the American Medical Association. As an AMA member and former alternate delegate, I greatly value her leadership.

In addition to the AMA, Dr. Dickey is active in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, the Texas Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the National Patient Safety Foundation. She was appointed to chair the Texas Health Policy Council, chosen for membership in the Society for Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine, and selected to be a member of the Institute of Medicine, a component of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Dickey's record of service in Texas medicine is long and distinguished. She is the founding program director of the Family Medicine Residency of the Brazos Valley, and created the Rural and Community Health Institute to address issues of patient safety and quality of care in rural Texas hospitals. In response to Texas' nursing shortage, Dr. Dickey oversaw the creation of a College of Nursing in Bryan/College Station, and chairs the Texas A&M System Council on Nursing, a statewide consortium of nursing programs designed to address the shortage. In 2001, Dr. Dickey was listed as one of America's "Best Doctors."

Dr. Dickey is president of the Texas A&M Health Science Center and vice chancellor for health affairs for the Texas A&M System. Previously, she served as dean of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, where she still serves as professor of family and community medicine.

During her tenure as president of Texas A&M Health Science Center—the University System's first female president—she has chaired the state's formula funding advisory committee, and advocated increased funding for health-related educational programs. As a result of her leadership, she helped establish the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy in Kingsville, the first professional school in South Texas.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor my good friend, Dr. Nancy Dickey, the newest member of the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. Her service to the

state of Texas will be highlighted in a permanent exhibit honoring the inductees, which is housed inside Hubbard Hall on the campus of Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. Dr. Dickey has positively impacted countless lives in Texas and around the country, and paved the way for women to continue to make invaluable contributions to medicine.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT 45TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a great sense of honor to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on August 6, 1965, it is important for us as a group to honor this important piece of legislation that helped America fulfill its promise.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 ensured that African Americans' 15th Amendment rights were protected and enforced. The 15th Amendment guarantees every American their right to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any other State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Before this piece of legislation was passed African Americans in many parts of the country were unable to exercise the most fundamental right of a democracy.

This historic piece of legislation was too meaningful to be forestalled by the habitual partisan fighting that has historically come to define Congress. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 32 to 74 and the Senate by a vote of 79 to 18. These margins evidence the fact that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a bill that didn't just protect the rights of minorities in America, but helped the country heal past injustices and become closer to reaching the ultimate promise of ensuring equal freedom to all.

Although we have come a long way to ensuring the equal protection of rights of every single American, we must never stop fighting against the forces of hate and ignorance that exist. Much remains to be done before true equality can be found in both Northwest Indiana and America as a whole.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commemorating the Voting Rights Act of 1965. When we feel like today's struggles for equality are too much to handle, we must take the time to look back on how far we have come and find the strength to fight on from the advances in freedom and liberty that have occurred in our not so distant past.

RECOGNITION OF THE TRI-VILLAGE LIONS CLUB ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Tri-Village Lions Club. On Sep-

tember 25, 2010, the Tri-Village Lions will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of their club. The Tri-Village Lions Club provides an important service to the community by assisting the blind and diabetic residents of central Ohio. This mission is keeping with the challenge Helen Keller issued to the association in 1925 to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

Founded in 1917, there are now approximately 45,000 Lions clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Under the motto "WE SERVE," the Tri-Village Lions Club was chartered on September 8, 1950, becoming the 8,448th club in an organization that now has 1.3 million members. The Tri-Village Lions Club encompasses the communities of Grandview Heights, Marble Cliff, and Upper Arlington.

Among many charitable services, the club conducts vision screenings, equips hospitals and clinics, distributes medicine, and raises awareness of eye disease. In 60 years of service, members of the club have raised more than \$1.1 million that they have funneled directly into charities and offered countless hours of service to the Tri-Village community. The Lions Club also supports children and schools through scholarships, recreation programs, and mentoring.

I am pleased to recognize the Diamond Anniversary of the Tri-Village Lions and proclaim September as "WE SERVE" month in the state of Ohio. I would like to thank the Tri-Village Lions club for its dedicated volunteer work and commitment to ending preventable blindness worldwide. The club has worked hard to identify and address community needs in the Grandview, Marble Cliff, and Upper Arlington area.

I am filled with immense pride to recognize and proclaim September as "WE SERVE" month in honor of such a valued and noble organization within the Columbus area. The Tri-Village Lions Club has been an inspirational leader in the fight against preventable blindness and has proudly demonstrated an unwavering commitment to helping others.

HONORING FIVE MACON GEORGIA GREAT CITIZENS

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to honor five of Macon, Georgia's great citizens: R. Kirby Godsey, Robert F. Hatcher, the late William S. Hutchings, the late Charles H. Jones, and Juanita T. Jordan. Each has earned the respect and admiration of Central Georgians by building coalitions to improve communities and institutions throughout the State of Georgia.

Individually, these citizens of Georgia have accomplished great deeds. They have risen to the highest levels of their chosen professions and are held in the highest esteem by their colleagues and professional organizations. Each has contributed visionary leadership, perseverance and untold hours to civic and charitable endeavors.

These five individuals have also shared a love of their hometown, Macon, Georgia and a passion for improving the quality of life and

economic prosperity of the Central Georgia region. All areas of community life in Macon—education, race relations, economic development, social services and recreation—have been improved through the tireless efforts of these individuals.

In addition to this group's selfless work as individuals, they also achieved great things by working together to help Macon. One of their most lasting and important contributions to Macon was their collective effort to found and fund NewTown Macon, a non-profit organization focused on the revitalization of downtown Macon.

Macon, Georgia is one of the great cities of the American South. With 5,500 individual structures and 11 districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Macon's downtown is a textbook of historic architecture. Like many other American cities, however, Macon's downtown struggled during the latter part of the twentieth century as families and businesses moved to the suburbs. By the mid-1990s, much of downtown Macon was shuttered and neglected, and many historic properties were in danger of being permanently lost. These five leaders recognized that a region cannot escape the fate and reputation of its central city, that decaying urban centers limit the growth and prosperity of entire regions. They acted decisively to form a public-private partnership that began changing the face of downtown Macon.

In the fourteen years since NewTown's founding, more than \$350 million has been invested in downtown and the renaissance of Macon's urban center is well underway. Businesses and families are moving back downtown, historic properties are being restored to their earlier grandeur, and civic pride is growing. I am confident that these achievements would not have happened without Kirby Godsey, Bob Hatcher, Bill Hutchings, Charlie Jones, and Juanita Jordan's determination and leadership. Macon is a better city for their efforts.

Please join me in thanking these great and influential individuals for their contributions to Macon and the State of Georgia.

**HONORING PASTOR RUFUS
BRADLEY, SR.**

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pastor Rufus Bradley, Sr. and New Life Ministries as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. A Silver Year Anniversary banquet will be held on September 25th in Saginaw Michigan to commemorate the event.

Pastor Bradley has been ministering for over 30 years. He graduated from the United Theological Seminary and the Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership. He has studied under several mega church pastors and is well versed in the Purpose Driven Church Concept. As the author of "Learning My Finances," Pastor Bradley conducts seminars to teach day to day budgeting for God's people. He serves on the vision casting team of the Lutheran Association and he is a board member of the Saginaw Clergy Community Development, Inc.

As the founding pastor of New Life Ministries, Pastor Bradley has watched the congregation grow to 450 members. In 1999 New Life became a Purpose Driven Ministry with a vision based upon Luke 2:52: "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." In keeping with this passage, Pastor Bradley guides people to grow intellectually, physically, spiritually and socially. In his continuing call to minister, he founded the "Mission in the City Movement" to rebuild Saginaw and to connect people to the Vision, to God and to a Better life. He believes in ministering to the whole person and to grow a healthy, balanced church.

Pastor Bradley is joined in his ministry by his wife, Relinda Bradley. She serves as the Teens Ministry overseer. They have two children, June and Rufus, Jr.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work of Pastor Rufus Bradley, Sr., and New Life Ministries. I pray they will take the words of the prophets Habakkuk and Isaiah to "write the vision" and "do a new thing" and go into the community with enthusiasm to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

IN HONOR OF 21+ INCORPORATED

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of 21+ Incorporated, which ensures fire safety in group homes for disabled persons. 21+ in Toms River, New Jersey provides opportunities to enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

21+ was horrified to find that various group homes do not have certain fire prevention tools such as sprinkler systems. Once 21+ discovered that New Jersey's Department of Development Disabilities would provide funds to retrofit group homes with sprinkler systems, they made it a priority to help make the community safer. By adding sprinklers, 21+ plus ensures the safety of one of Ocean County's most vulnerable populations.

Especially during these tough times, we must commit to enriching the community around us. 21+ took it upon themselves to fix a major problem facing group homes in Ocean County. Due to their efforts, 21+ has improved life for the residents of New Jersey's Third District.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Toms River Fire Prevention Bureau, the NJ DDD and 21+ for all their efforts to improve the safety of the residents of Ocean County.

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND JOY OF RABBI
JOSEPH GITIN**

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, accom-

plishments and joy of Rabbi Joseph Gitin who recently passed away after a long career of exuding positive, loving energy to not only those of his own congregation and faith—but also to the extremely diverse population of San Jose and Silicon Valley, California.

At the age of 104, Rabbi Joseph Gitin was considered one of the oldest Reform rabbis in the world and presided over San Jose's oldest Reform temple for the longest tenure of all its rabbis. In fact, he had been rabbi emeritus at Temple Emanu-El on University Avenue in San Jose, California for more than 30 years.

When he arrived in San Jose in 1950, he was the city's only rabbi. He served at Temple Emanu-El until 1976. During that tenure, he worked alongside two Christian ministers, to speak at churches about their religious similarities. The Reverend Paul Locatelli, who died this summer at age 71 and was the former president of Santa Clara University, presented Rabbi Gitin an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1996 for "promoting interfaith dialogue and interracial cooperation."

Gitin was perhaps best known for his work in the interfaith community. By some accounts, about 30 percent of his funerals were for non-Jews, which speaks to his enduring compassion and ability to comfort those in the last stages of their lives.

Rabbi Gitin fought hard for the passage of civil rights, equal voting rights and equal housing bills. He also worked to protect the civil rights of the gay and lesbian communities. His actions are noted in the 91st CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which states how he measured his success not by his numerous awards and honors but by the good deeds that he tried to perform every day. It was true back then and rings with even more clarity as we reflect upon his life.

Gitin served on a staggering number of civic boards, including the Red Cross and Community Chest; the Heart Association and the Tuberculosis Society; the Municipal Entertainment Commission and Agnews State Hospital; the county Advisory Committee on Children and Youth; and the Bicycle Court. He was a lifetime Rotary member and was a judge pro tem in the juvenile courts.

It is my distinct honor to have Rabbi Gitin's presence, compassion and love for humankind in my Congressional district. My sincere condolences are extended, to his daughter, Judi Elman Harris, and son, David Gitin.

**HONORING THE 136 TEACHERS IN
NORTH CAROLINA'S 11TH DISTRICT WHO RECENTLY EARNED
NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION**

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary teachers in western North Carolina who have earned National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. These dedicated professionals have demonstrated a commitment to improving the standards of education for our Nation.

National Board Certification is a distinction which certifies teachers who set a higher

standard for educating our youth. Through a rigorous process that takes between one and three years to complete, teachers must show advanced knowledge, skills and practices in their field through expert evaluation, peer review and self-assessment. Becoming a National Board Certified Teacher is a resource for teachers to progress in their fields and teach at a demonstrably higher level. National Board Certified Teachers improve learning and involvement in the classroom and provide students with the tools needed to advance academically.

I am incredibly proud of the fact that North Carolina not only has the highest number of teachers who obtained Board Certification in 2009, but also has more nationally certified teachers than any other State in the country. North Carolina's 11th district is home to more than 1,000 National Board Certified teachers, evidence of the incredible emphasis that our region places on education. We are honored to have these dedicated professionals in Western North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to rise with me in recognizing the amazing efforts these dedicated professionals have put forth in advancing themselves for the benefit of the youth of our Nation. I urge my colleagues to recognize all National Board Certified Teachers nationwide.

ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DOROTHY I. HEIGHT POST OFFICE NAMING BILL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill that would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE in Washington, DC, as the "Dorothy I. Height Post Office Building."

Dr. Dorothy I. Height, the longtime president of the National Council of Negro Women who died this year, was never a public official, but she spent her life in service of African Americans, especially African American women, and in service of the people of the United States of America. So strong was the power of her example that she was a role model to generations of women beyond her reach. Dorothy Height was a visionary and a civil rights leader known as the "Godmother of the Civil Rights Movement." She championed countless efforts for basic justice in our country, particularly equal rights for women and people of color, from equal pay to the integration of the nation's governmental institutions and its societal norms.

Dr. Height was recognized with virtually every significant national honor, from the NAACP Spingarn Medal to the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.

Dorothy Height was also a proponent of strong family life, and organized the annual Black Family Reunion, which is held each year. The Black Family Reunion for this region was held on Saturday, September 11, 2010, on the National Mall and is an African-American celebration held throughout the nation during the summer.

Please join me in honoring Dr. Height's immensely productive and impactful life by designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE in Washington, DC, as the "Dorothy I. Height Post Office Building."

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING JOHN CALLAHAN

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of my constituent, John Callahan. Mr. Callahan served as Fire Chief for the San Luis Obispo Fire Department. He was a truly honorable member of the Central Coast community.

Chief Callahan began his career in 1970 as a firefighter with the Los Angeles Fire Department. He rose through the ranks to become Deputy Chief, second in command of the department, before moving north to San Luis Obispo County.

While working in Los Angeles, Chief Callahan supervised the implementation of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, served as Commander of the Fire Suppression and Rescue Bureau, managed the Disaster Preparedness Section, oversaw Communications and Dispatch and the In-Service Training Section, and headed up LAFD preparations for the 2000 Democratic National Convention.

After moving to San Luis Obispo, Chief Callahan led the department for five years. During this time, he acquired a new Aerial Ladder Truck and managed the opening of a new Dispatch Center. He also served as President of the local YMCA and was active in the Rotary Club.

Madam Speaker, it is for good reason that we regularly pay tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of our nation's First Responders. They keep us safe in our homes and neighborhoods and are always there when we need them most. They put our safety and our well being above their own every single day. Chief Callahan personified that commitment and the entire San Luis Obispo community benefited from this dedicated public servant's sense of duty.

Most importantly, Chief Callahan's family and friends will miss his inclusive and generous spirit, his penchant for hard work and love of the outdoors. We will all miss his loyalty to his colleagues and his community.

Chief Callahan is survived by his wife, Lynne, and their children, Danise, Christopher, Erik and Jake. I know I speak on behalf of the entire Central Coast community when I say he will be truly missed.

TRIBUTE TO DON SCHOOF

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Don Schoof, a World War II Army veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to ex-

press my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Don Schoof was recognized on Tuesday, June 1. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: DON SCHOOF
(By Alexander Hutchins)

Don Schoof spent 333 days on the front lines in Italy during World War II, and since returning from that conflict he has folded more than 200 flags for veteran's funerals.

Schoof's life since his service in the U.S. Army is filled with accomplishments. He is a former grand warden of the Masons, served as an officer for the American Legion, worked for Iowa State University and worked with the Boone County Historical Society for 13 years.

Despite his post-service accomplishments, and the time that has passed since his military career, Schoof still recalls his service in the U.S. Army during World War II to great detail and has been called on for the past several years to speak to Boone school children about his time in the Army.

Schoof was born March 9, 1922 in Waverly, Iowa. He graduated from Waverly High School in 1940, and then spent a year studying at Wartburg College.

When the war began, Schoof still wanted to pursue a four year degree, but knew his draft number was likely to come up. He transferred to Iowa State University to take a survey course and then joined up with Western Contracting Corporation.

He was drafted November 5, 1942.

Prior to entering the actual conflict, he traveled through or trained in Camp Dodge in Iowa, Camp White in Oregon, North Africa where he took amphibious training and Naples, Italy where he trained in military intelligence.

Schoof took part in the landing at Anzio, Italy and his Division (the 91st) was the first group of American troops through Rome.

In one town, Schools unit was shelled and he had to dive through a barbed wire fence to avoid an artillery round. He wounded his leg on the fence and was awarded his first Purple Heart.

The 91st Infantry Division then headed north. Schoof said that after the German defeat at the Gothic Line, the banks of the Po River—by which his division traveled—were choked with abandoned German gear.

"That's where we really broke their back," he said solemnly.

During this time, he was approached in one occupied town by a recently liberated American prisoner. Schoof questioned the man and found that he was from the town of Austin, Minn., only a short distance on Highway 218 from School's hometown.

"I always regret not going later to look him up," he said.

Schoof said with his experience in the war and realization that day of how close everyone in the conflict was, he learned how important it is to value people.

"You learn how to live and appreciate the people around you," he said.

Schoof was later flying an L-5 Sentinel reconnaissance plane, part of his military intelligence duties to plan artillery strategy. Schoof would fly over 75 of these missions, but on this particular flight the plane iced up and crashed into a grape vineyard.

Schoof earned his second purple heart.

Traveling through Milano by jeep to visit a different division, Schoof once came upon bodies hung from a portico. One of them was a recently deceased Mussolini, suspended by his feet.

Schoof was home on a 30-day leave when the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. He would spend 8 more years in the Army Reserves.

He noted with a laugh that one of his biggest disappointments was that his gear bag burned up in a warehouse fire while he was on leave, taking all his mementos from Europe in the blaze.

Schoof remembered his role in the war with great clarity, and its impression on him was obvious. He organized a semi-annual gathering of his old unit from 1962 to 1980.

Schoof couldn't recall a great negative impact from his time in the war. He mentioned how thankful he was that he served in a time with a clearly defined conflict.

"We knew who the enemy was when we went over there, but the guys today don't," Schoof said.

Schoof's father served in the First World War, fighting in the forests of France. Schoof said he hopes the new veterans from today's conflict will feel welcome in the veteran's services groups like the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This past Memorial Day, he spent memorializing those who hadn't made it home: helping to put flags on the graves of veterans.

I commend Don Schoof for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE PUERTO RICAN HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COM- MERCE FOR PALM BEACH COUN- TY, FLORIDA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Palm Beach County, Florida. Since its founding in 2005, the Chamber has devoted itself to promoting and supporting Puerto Rican and Hispanic owned businesses, while placing a strong emphasis on Hispanic culture and values.

The Chamber has been the main sponsor of the Fiestas Patronales and Business Exposition in Palm Beach Counties, allowing the Chamber to reach out and create connections throughout the many Hispanic owned businesses of South Florida. In addition, the Chamber founded the Health Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition of the Palm Beaches, whose mission is to promote the well being of mothers and their newborns throughout South Florida.

The Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Palm Beach County, Florida has made a lasting impact in Palm Beach County, promoting and supporting business and culture, and by growing an organization where Puerto Ricans and Hispanics in South Florida can feel at home.

I rise to congratulate the Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for their excellence and leadership in promoting South Florida's Hispanic owned businesses.

The South Florida Hispanic community is truly a better place because of the hard work of the Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Palm Beach County, Florida. I wish the Cham-

ber continued success in all its future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGAL CAREER OF MARCELLUS BUCHANAN

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Marcellus Buchanan, a veteran of the Second World War, a devoted and passionate attorney, solicitor, and a 3-term member of the North Carolina General Assembly. Mr. Buchanan was born on September 30, 1923 in Jackson County, North Carolina. He went on to attend western North Carolina Teacher's College until called into service during World War II. During the war he served in the European Theater with the United States Army Air Corp. When he came home, he married Jane Poteet of Sylva, started a family and resumed his studies. Mr. Buchanan attended Chapel Hill Law School before moving back to Western North Carolina to start what would become a long and successful legal career. He served as the attorney for the town of Sylva for many years and served 3 terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Mr. Buchanan was also a devoted Master Mason who belonged to the Dillsboro Lodge No. 459.

In 1967, Mr. Buchanan became the Solicitor for the 30th Prosecutorial District of North Carolina. During his 20-year tenure he was known for his great oratory skills and love of humor. He retired from his position having won the respect and admiration of many judges, attorneys, and Jackson County residents for his commitment and dedication to his profession.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Buchanan spent his remaining years with his growing family. His son, Marcellus Buchanan IV married Ronda Sorrell, with whom he has had two daughters and two granddaughters. He is a veteran law enforcement official and SBI supervisor. Mr. Buchanan's daughter, Christina, an attorney and former Assistant District Attorney, married David Matheson and has a daughter, son and grandson. Mr. Buchanan also used his retirement to co-author a book entitled "Disorder in the Court," in which he captured many of his courtroom experiences as only a master storyteller could do.

On July 7, 2000, Mr. Marcellus Buchanan passed away due to a battle with lung cancer. He left a legacy of community service, judicial fairness and, most of all, commitment to his family. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the life of this great man.

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBERT MESSINA

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Robert C.

Messina as he is honored by the non-profit, Main Street Mt. Holly, at their Gala at the Galloways event on Friday, September 10th. Dr. Messina is president of Burlington County College and is an esteemed community leader.

Throughout Dr. Messina's 15 years of administrative leadership, Burlington County College has experienced unprecedented growth and development in the community and in the academic field. He has gained recognition for his work not just as a college administrator, but as an experienced educator, researcher, and contributor to local, state and national affairs.

In addition to his efforts on behalf of Burlington County College, Dr. Messina serves the community as an active board member of the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Southern New Jersey, promoting business activities and programs which contribute to the economic health of the region. As a member of the boards of the board of directors for the Deborah Heart and Lung Center, and a former board member for Memorial Health Alliance, he has contributed to studies and other programs aimed at identifying health issues and needs in the community-at-large.

For his efforts on behalf of the State of New Jersey and Burlington County, he has been recognized by several prestigious organizations on a local and national level, including the Boy Scouts of America, American Association of Community Colleges, and the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Robert Messina is a truly extraordinary educational and community leader. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Robert Messina for his dedication and achievements. The people of your community, the people of New Jersey, and the people of America thank you for your outstanding service.

HONORING GEORGE J. WEISS, JR.

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George J. Weiss, Jr. of Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota. George has received the 2010 Presidential Citizens Medal for 'exemplary deeds of service for their country or their fellow citizens'.

A World War II Veteran with the United States Marine Corps, George has received this high distinction for founding the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad in 1979. The group is made up of more than 125 volunteers who perform final honors at military funerals. George and his Squad have honored over 500,000 veterans, and are forever remembered by families across the State of Minnesota who have said goodbye to loved ones.

Madam Speaker, I ask this body recognize the contributions of George J. Weiss, Jr. along with me, and that we all remember the sacrifices our veterans make for their fellow servicemembers.

RECOGNIZING CONTRA COSTA
COUNTY SHERIFF WARREN E.
RUPF

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI to recognize Contra Costa County Sheriff Warren E. Rupf and congratulate him as he approaches his well earned retirement after serving for 45 years in law enforcement. Sheriff Rupf has had an outstanding career in public service and his tenure demonstrates his lifelong commitment to the citizens and communities of Contra Costa County.

Warren graduated from the FBI National Academy and National Executive Institute in 1965 following 4 years of honorable service to our country in the United States Marine Corps. Upon his graduation, he began working as a deputy sheriff in the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. Since that time, Warren has served in virtually every rank within the department and is currently the longest serving member of the agency. In 1979, Warren was appointed to assistant sheriff and served in that position until he was appointed Sheriff in 1992. Over the span of his career, the Sheriffs Department has grown to an agency of over 1,200 employees and a budget of \$170 million.

As an active resident of Contra Costa County, Warren has held leadership positions in several law enforcement and community service organizations. He has served as chairman of both the California Commission on Boating and Waterways and the Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Association. In addition to these distinguished posts he also served on the board of directors for the Suicide and Crisis Intervention, Contra Costa County District Fair, and the California State Sheriff's Association. Currently Warren serves as president of the Micki Rainey Scholarship fund and is active with the Bay Counties Peace Officers' Association.

Over the span of his 45-year career, Warren has received numerous awards of distinction including the 1995 Peace Officer of the Year Award from the Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California, the 1998 Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, and the "Making a Difference" Community Award in May of 2000 from the Assistance League of Diablo Valley.

Madam Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in honoring Sheriff Warren Rupf for his dedicated service to the people of California, the Bay Area, and especially to the residents of Contra Costa County. We are pleased to join with his family, colleagues, and friends in congratulating Warren for a long and highly successful career and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
LAWRENCE "LARRY" HARRINGTON

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and achievements of Lawrence "Larry" Harrington of Crystal Falls, MI. As a local elected official and community leader for many years, Larry performed his civic duties with the utmost commitment and professionalism while serving as a mentor to many young people in the community looking to become involved in local issues. Larry was also a good friend of mine.

Early on, Larry understood the value of hard work. During World War II, General Motors representatives arrived in Iron County to recruit new hires for their plants around Michigan. Larry moved to Flint, MI, and worked at General Motors for 16 years and also attended the General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) to study industrial management.

In 1969, Larry moved back home to Crystal Falls to serve the residents of Michigan by working in the Forest Fire Division of the Department of Natural Resources. Larry served as a fire officer where he assisted foresters and forest techs. He was also responsible for assisting with law enforcement, fisheries, wildlife and engineering operations. Towards the end of his career, Larry oversaw the snowmobile and off road vehicle program in the western three counties of the Upper Peninsula. Larry retired from the State of Michigan after 21 years of diligent service to the state and his fellow residents.

Larry's passion for service to his community did not end with retirement. Larry was elected Iron County commissioner for District 4 in 1992 and held that position until 2008. He also served as the Iron County board chairman from 1998 to 2002. During his tenure, Larry made it a priority to build positive relationships with his colleagues, even those who disagreed with his positions. Larry knew that his community would be best served by local leaders who worked together to find consensus on the issues, and he strived to ensure that a constructive environment was present in all business concerning Iron County.

Larry also served on various committees throughout his public career, including the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department, the Iron County Parks and Recreation Committee and the Michigan Association of Counties' Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Committee. Larry was elected to the Michigan Association of Counties' board of directors, where he advocated for legislative positions on behalf of Iron County residents.

Larry was married to his wife Shelby for over 50 years and had two children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Madam Speaker, Lawrence "Larry" Harrington devoted his life to serving the people of Iron County and the State of Michigan, before he passed away in May. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and honoring his lifetime of commitment and hard work.

HONORING MR. JON GRESLEY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Oakland Housing Authority Executive Director Jon Gresley for his extraordinary career of public service and leadership on the occasion of his retirement. Known for his innovative vision of affordable housing, his steadfast commitment to those in need, and his talent for creating and sustaining important relationships among his staff, colleagues and community, Mr. Gresley has touched thousands of lives through his work in the Bay Area.

Three decades ago, Mr. Jon Gresley turned a temporary assignment with the Oakland Housing Authority, OHA, into what has become a transformative legacy for our city's public housing. Under Mr. Gresley's excellent leadership during the past 32 years, OHA has achieved success through effective partnerships and offers a groundbreaking combination of services, safety and choice for its residents.

The award-winning OHA, which celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2008, operates—directly or indirectly through partners and affiliates—about 4,000 affordable housing units and administers more than 11,000 Section 8 Vouchers. In keeping with Mr. Gresley's commitment to teamwork and ingenuity, OHA has formed a collaborative model that is an example within the affordable housing industry nationwide. Additionally, OHA is one of only a handful of housing authorities in the United States that has its own police department.

As a key architect of OHA's participation in the HOPE VI and Moving to Work, MTW, program applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Gresley helped to make OHA one of only 35 housing authorities in the Nation to receive special MTW designation. This designation has resulted in increased flexibility and opportunities for the Authority. OHA also obtained four HOPE VI grants, which allowed it to remodel nearly 400 rental units, and rebuild and expand 394 dilapidated public housing units into 939 units of self-sustaining, mixed-income developments. As can be seen at developments such as Tassafaronga, Mandela Gateway and Lion Creek Crossings, the creation, preservation, expansion and enhancement of affordable housing has defined Mr. Gresley's OHA tenure.

Widely respected in his field, Mr. Gresley was sought after by leading groups such as the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, NAHRO, and the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, CLPHA, where he serves as Treasurer. His talents were also put to use as a presenter to various congressional committees, as well as the Federal Reserve Bank.

I personally appreciate Jon's vigilance and his wisdom. I could always count on Jon whenever I needed good information to present to Congress regarding public housing. He has been a tremendous asset, not only to the 9th Congressional District, but to the entire country.

Throughout his career, Mr. Gresley has been praised for his strategy, strong leadership, integrity and compassion. His work has

created countless opportunities for community members to enjoy a better quality of life, secure hope for the future and reach their full potential. OHA will continue his work of building a brighter future for generations to come.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Mr. Jon Gresley, I salute you. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

HONORING THE SMITHSONIAN
JAZZ MASTERWORKS ORCHESTRA:
20 YEARS OF ENGAGEMENT,
EDUCATION, AND EXCELLENCE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, in 1990, the Congress recognized the importance of jazz in American culture when it authorized the establishment of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra (SJMO).

As the Nation's jazz orchestra, the SJMO regularly performs the great works of jazz. Throughout its 20 years, the orchestra has distinguished itself as one of the crown jewels of the Smithsonian—which is itself, a pre-eminent national treasure.

The band has performed for audiences at the Smithsonian Institution, Kennedy Center, White House, U.S. Capitol, Harlem's famed Apollo Theater, the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, and prestigious music festivals like Ravinia and the Monterey Jazz Festival. The ensemble has traveled prolifically and performed at many American schools and colleges, as well as in Canada, Europe, and the Middle East. On a 2008 State Department-sponsored tour of Egypt, the Orchestra won many new friends for the United States. After an outdoor performance at the Pyramids and Sphinx, the Cairo Daily News raved, "The backdrop was incredible, the band was superb."

Other critical reaction has been enthusiastic. Wrote The New York Times: "Culturally important. . . . spectacular musically. After being embalmed on recordings, the music suddenly came alive." Syndicated columnist David S. Broder wrote, "The impact of these live performances is everything the showmen, scholars, and politicians who brought this small miracle to pass imagined it might be. It is electrifying. . . ."

While the SJMO is not the only jazz orchestra in America, it is unique. As the only federally-chartered jazz orchestra, it enjoys a position of prestige and influence. As the only such ensemble with resident status at a museum, it's in a unique position to bring the jazz legacy to life.

The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra educates the public about the history and development of jazz as an art form and means of entertainment. It promotes a greater appreciation for jazz as a valuable American treasure by performing jazz masterworks, and presenting educational activities that engage the public with this great music.

Further contributing to its status, the orchestra is led by the internationally famous Maestro David Baker—the world's leading jazz educator, author of over 70 books and 400 arti-

cles, and recent recipient of the prestigious American Jazz Masters Award given by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Madam Speaker, the orchestra has special expertise in engaging and educating its audiences—young and old—about this vital part of American culture. I am pleased to recognize its service and accomplishments over the past 20 years.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
JAMES M. FERRARA

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lance Corporal James M. Ferrara who received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for meritorious duty on March 13, 2010. While on duty as patrolman at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, Lance Corporal Ferrara was dispatched to the base motor pool after he received reports of an injured person. Without hesitation, Lance Corporal Ferrara rushed off to the scene and quickly identified the victim who was suffering from a severe laceration with substantial loss of blood. Drawing upon his extensive emergency medical training, Lance Corporal Ferrara immediately delivered first aid, and probably saved the victim's life.

The men and women of our Armed Forces serve with an incomparable sense of duty. They are willing to sacrifice their lives to keep our country safe and free. In his service, Lance Corporal Ferrara exemplified the bravery and courage routinely displayed by those who serve in our military. The residents of New Jersey's Third District are grateful for the service of Lance Corporal Ferrara.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lance Corporal Ferrara for his bravery and responsiveness under challenging circumstances.

IN HONOR OF LATINO COALITION
AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL
VIOLENCE, INC.

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Inc. for their dedicated service to Latino communities in 92 counties across Indiana.

The Latino Coalition, founded as a nonprofit corporation in 2004, has worked to eliminate domestic and sexual violence by focusing on the contributing conditions affecting Latino communities and immigrant populations in Indiana. Today, the Latino Coalition is the only statewide coalition of its kind in the United States that addresses the causes of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Latino community. Due to the tireless efforts of the Latino Coalition, men and women throughout Indiana have been able to extricate themselves from violent relationships, protect their children and improve their self confidence. This organiza-

tion serves as a model for other groups seeking to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence in the United States.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Latino Coalition for its distinguished efforts in improving the quality of life for victims of domestic violence and their families in the Latino community. This organization serves as an example to community organizations everywhere.

FINDINGS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND LABOR RELATING TO EFFICIENCY
AND REFORM PURSUANT
TO H. RES. 1493

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, in fulfillment of House Committee chair responsibilities per H. Res. 1493 (111th Congress), below are "findings that identify changes in law that help achieve deficit reduction by reducing waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, promoting efficiency and reform of government, and controlling spending within Government programs" the Committee on Education and Labor authorizes. The measures discussed below are pending before Congress. If enacted, the legislation would promote efficient government and allow the agencies and departments within the jurisdiction of the Committee to more effectively serve the public.

In addition to the pending measures discussed below, this Congress has already enacted changes in the law in the Committee's jurisdiction that will significantly reduce the deficit. Specifically, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, included with health insurance reform in last year's Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4872), will save billions of taxpayer dollars in needless subsidies to banks lending to students. The Committee shares jurisdiction over the health care reform law enacted earlier this year through H.R. 4872 and H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Among other things, these reforms reduce the rate of increase in government health care expenditures, encourage prevention and wellness, and shift to new effective health care payment mechanisms. The Congressional Budget Office reports that they will reduce the deficit by \$143 billion over the next 10 years and by \$1.2 trillion in the following 10 years.

A. MINE SAFETY—ROBERT C. BYRD MINER SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 2010 (H.R. 5663)

Recent mine disasters and subsequent investigations and reviews have highlighted that the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) does not have the authority it needs to efficiently enforce the Nation's mine safety laws.

Under current law, MSHA may only subpoena documents and witnesses as part of an investigation of a mine disaster if the material is to be used in a public hearing. This has hamstrung MSHA's efforts to efficiently receive relevant documents in a timely manner. The Byrd Act would grant MSHA authority to subpoena documents and testimony without regard to whether the material is for a public

hearing. This would allow MSHA to avoid needless litigation and more quickly receive pertinent information thereby allowing MSHA to investigate more efficiently. The gains in efficiency will not only be financial, but could ultimately lead to changes that would save lives.

Almost without exception, stakeholders agree that the Mine Act's pattern of violation tool is entirely ineffective as it now stands. This tool was intended to allow MSHA to compel mines to improve poor safety records and to incentivize mines to operate safely. Unfortunately, the tool has never been invoked in the more than 30 years since it was created. The Byrd Act would fundamentally alter the pattern-of-violation system, allowing MSHA to more efficiently compel and enforce reform on recalcitrant mines. At the same time, the new system would allow for a clear path for mines that have fallen into a pattern of poor safety to improve and be removed from this status. The Act would make clear to mines what they need to do to stay on the right side of the law. This will allow MSHA to more efficiently focus on the mines that need the most attention.

Over \$20 million in unpaid fines sits uncollected from mine operators. To enable MSHA to require compliance with final judgments, the Byrd Act would authorize MSHA to shut down mines that refuse to pay fines. To spur compliance, the Act would also allow MSHA to enter into payment plans with mines that are trying to meet their obligations.

Another major inefficiency in the enforcement of our Nation's mine safety laws is highlighted by, and caused by, a significant backlog in cases pending before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission (FMSHRC). The backlog has both been caused by an exacerbated several issues. The backlog has impeded settlements and led mine operators to challenge citations that might otherwise be settled or addressed outside of the administrative law system. This has caused MSHA, and mine operators, to expend unnecessary resources, while at the same time hampering some of MSHA's enforcement activities. The Byrd Act would eliminate certain incentives for mine operators to file contests of MSHA penalty assessments, regardless of the contests' merit, before FMSHRC. Among the incentives, the Act would impose prejudgment interest on contested mine safety penalties for which the government prevails. This would eliminate the ability for mine operators to secure the time value of money simply by filing an appeal and enjoying the benefits during the lengthy period of delay. The Act further requires FMSHRC to use the same penalty calculation method as does MSHA. Today mine operators can exploit the difference in penalty calculation methods, by filing appeals in an attempt to secure a lower penalty amount under the same set of facts. These measures would allow the Department of Labor Office of the Solicitor to more efficiently deploy its attorneys and allow MSHA inspectors to spend more time in mines and less preparing for and supporting adjudications. By allowing the Department and MSHA to more efficiently deploy its resources, mines and others who depend on the Department will be far better served.

B. H-2B GUEST WORKERS—THE H-2B PROGRAM REFORM ACT OF 2009 (H.R. 4831).

Tens of thousands of guest workers come to the United States each year under the H-2B guest worker program. At a time when our Nation is facing record unemployment, it is

critical that we strengthen the requirement that employers recruit U.S. workers before turning to guest workers. Employers should only be permitted to use H-2B workers when they have established that qualified U.S. workers are truly unavailable. The H-2B Program Reform Act of 2009 (H.R. 4831) tackles this problem by requiring employers to take sufficient steps to recruit U.S. workers. The bill would mandate that employers provide state workforce agencies information about the job opportunity and advertise the job opportunity in one or more publications in the local labor market. This would help to ensure that every effort possible is made to match able and willing American workers with available jobs before turning elsewhere. Therefore, the Act would help to reduce the number of unemployed U.S. workers, in turn leading to reduced unemployment insurance benefit payments and an increase in tax revenue.

C. WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION—EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION PREVENTION ACT (H.R. 5107)

The misclassification of employees as independent contractors is widespread and growing. In 2005, a BLS survey found that 10.3 million U.S. workers (7.4 percent of the workforce) had been classified, rightly or wrongly, as independent contractors. In 2000, a DOL study found that 10 to 30 percent of firms had misclassified employees as independent contractors. Misclassified workers lose all rights linked to employee status, such as workers' compensation, minimum wage and overtime protections, family and medical leave, and the right to organize and collectively bargain. Misclassification also cheats the taxpayers out of needed revenues because employers fail to pay billions of dollars in taxes to Federal and state governments each year. (For the tax year 1984, the IRS estimated a loss in revenues of \$1.6 billion (1984 dollars).) This practice also puts employers who comply with the law at a competitive disadvantage. The Employee Misclassification Prevention Act (H.R. 5107), tackles the issue of misclassification, requiring employers to maintain records that reflect the accurate status of each worker and increasing penalties on employers who misclassify their employees. These reforms would result in billions of dollars in unpaid taxes being recovered each year.

D. RETIREMENT SAVINGS—THE AMERICAN JOBS AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES ACT (H.R. 4213)

The tax-preferred retirement accounts of American workers have all too often been subject to complex fee arrangements and conflicts of interest. The American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act (H.R. 4213) passed by the House would greatly improve the disclosure of such fees and conflicts. This will go a long way toward ensuring that the Federal Government gets the most out of this tax expenditure and that plan sponsors and workers are empowered to make efficient investment decisions. This will prevent unscrupulous actors in the financial industry from draining workers' retirement savings accounts improperly exploiting tax-preferred investments.

E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance (ACSFA) was established in 1986 with the goal of providing the Department of Education the benefit of members' knowledge and understanding of Federal, state, and institutional postsecondary student assistance programs. ACSFA was to provide

technical expertise regarding student financial needs analysis and application forms and to recommend processes to maintain low- and middle-income students' access to postsecondary education. Though ACSFA has provided valuable service over the past 20 years, ACSFA's mission now duplicates services provided by other entities including the Congressional Research Service, the Government Accountability Office, and private non-profit entities. To save the funds that would be wasted by this duplication and to further streamline the vital services other entities now perform, the Committee will explore deauthorizing ACSFA in coming legislative proposals.

RECOGNIZING DAVID NACH, A RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN J. ROSS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LAW-RELATED EDUCATION

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate David Nach, one of the four recipients of the John J. Ross Memorial Award for Excellence in Law-Related Education.

Though he received his law degree from Arizona State University and was certified by the State Bar of Arizona, Mr. Nach forwent a career as a lawyer and instead became an educator. Currently a professor of criminal justice, advanced placement economics, and regular economics at Mountain Pointe High School, he truly prepares his students for the future.

For those in his economics class, he introduces bankruptcy lawyers and judges to tell students about the dangers and proper use of credit cards. He also employs the auction website, eBay, to show students an example of what he calls "a near-perfect market." In his course on criminal justice, guest speakers include judges, crime scene investigators, and prosecutors, and students are taken on a field trip to a juvenile detention center. In addition to teaching his classes, Mr. Nach heads up the Mountain Pointe Teen Court Program, a program in which teens conduct a trial and decide the consequences for the actions of real juvenile defendants.

As a former teacher, I recognize the importance of preparing our youth for their future in a competitive and complex global economy and world. This preparation begins with a first-rate and comprehensive education through inspiring and creative teachers like Mr. Nach, who go above and beyond to reach their students. I commend his efforts at Mountain Pointe High School and have no doubt that he will continue to inspire students throughout his career as an educator.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. David Nach, a member of Arizona's Fifth Congressional District and one of the four recipients of the John J. Ross Memorial Award for Excellence in Law-Related Education.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH OF TEMPLE
CITY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the First United Methodist Church of Temple City upon its centennial anniversary.

The church was established in 1908, when about 30 people gathered to worship in an old wooden schoolhouse in the Santa Anita area of the San Gabriel Valley. In 1910, Rev. John Leonard Collins was appointed the new minister of the rapidly growing church, called the Mountain View Methodist Episcopal Church. As the church continued to grow, a new building was completed in 1911, with 14 different denominations worshipping in the facility.

The church was moved to its current location in the Town of Temple, today Temple City, in June of 1925, and, with these new roots, the church continued to prosper under the new name, Temple Community Church, Methodist Episcopal. Much differentiated from the schoolhouse, the newly dedicated church boasted Ionic columns and was a fine example of modern church architecture. In 1950, the new Sunday school building was completed, with the members performing much of the construction. At that time, the membership had grown to over 600 members and more space was needed, so in 1957, a new sanctuary was completed. In 1964, the mortgage was paid off and the church name was changed—this time to Temple City First Methodist Church. The original, white columned church was demolished in 1964 to make room for a new building housing a fellowship hall and church offices. In 1972, the church's name was changed to its present name, the First United Methodist Church of Temple City.

Since its inception, the First United Methodist Church has been an inclusive and accepting church. In 1987, when the church was asked to share their facilities with a Korean United Methodist Church congregation, it gladly did so—and again when the church offered to share their facilities with a Chinese/English language church in the community.

Under the leadership of Reverend David Palmer, First United Methodist Church of Temple City offers a variety of programs and ministries such as adult Sunday school, church choir ministry, stress management support groups, and the Crafty Ladies, a fellowship group that makes handcrafted items for those in need. The church has an impressive health ministry program, a cooperative effort between Methodist Hospital and local churches, which provides health services to congregants. This ministry includes a parish nurse, who provides education, information, health counseling, referrals, and training of volunteers. In addition, the church created a fitness program called Shape Up 2010 that includes walking, biking and low impact aerobics.

I am proud to recognize the First United Methodist Church of Temple City for its 100 years of service to the people of the San Gabriel Valley, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation upon this significant milestone.

HONORING DR. MARY MCINERNEY

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career, service, and achievement of Dr. Mary McInerney, Principal of the Richard Hungerford School in Staten Island, NY.

Born and raised in New York City by Irish immigrant parents, Dr. McInerney began her education in the parochial school system in the Bronx. After earning several degrees in psychology and history and education, she received her Doctorate from Columbia University in 1994, with her studies focusing on technology and the disabled.

Mary's teaching career was as long as it was exemplary: she served as a teacher with the Preschool-Early Intervention Program at the Kennedy Child Center before beginning her career with the New York City Department of Special Education, first starting as a teacher of a Track IV class, she became Coordinator of P.L. 89–313, then Data Manager and then Assistant Principal of the Manhattan Occupational Training Center. Ultimately she was designated the Principal of the Richard H. Hungerford School, formerly the Richmond Occupational Training Center. In addition to her roles as teacher, administrator, and supervisor within the school system, Mary has also served as Adjunct Professor and as part-time Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Adelphi University. At Columbia University, she served as Assistant Instructor and Guest Lecturer, and at the College of Staten Island she served as a member of the adjunct faculty.

Having published and presented extensively on subjects ranging from computer technology for the disabled to Inclusion and the Learning Disabled Child, and having received an impressive array of academic honors and community service awards (including Principal of the Year from the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers and Irishwoman of the Year from the New York City Board of Education Emerald Society), Mary is perhaps best known for her successful leadership at the Hungerford School. With the support of her staff, parents, and community, the school has attained a remarkable level of excellence with an enviable track record for independent problem-solving and participatory management. In 1998, the school was recognized by the United States Department of Education as having an exemplary program in teacher and staff development, thereby becoming the first New York City school to earn the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award.

Our community and our Nation are enriched and ennobled by individuals whose character, perseverance, and public contribution perpetually nourish the present and empower the future for us all. Dr. Mary McInerney is such an individual, and I call on all Members of the House to join me in recognizing her many enduring accomplishments.

HONORING HAROLD H. HOPKINSON,
JR.

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the service of Harold H. Hopkinson Jr. to Central New York. He dedicated his life to public service and to the betterment of his community.

Harold H. Hopkinson Jr., graduated from the University of Maine in 1950 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Upon completing his education, Harold began a 35 year career working with Carrier Corporation in Syracuse, New York. He is a licensed professional engineer in the State of New York and was a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers for over 35 years.

Harold began his career in public service in 1957, when he was elected Village Trustee for the Village of Manlius. Prior to holding this position, he served a few years on the Village of Manlius Planning Board. In 1977, he was appointed Deputy Mayor of the Village of Manlius.

During his illustrious career in public service, Harold has had an active roll in obtaining sanitary sewers for the Village, the planning of Mill Run Park, establishing the Manlius Fish Hatchery, organizing the Manlius Senior Centre, and starting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Additionally, he also served as a member of the Manlius Library Board, the Manlius Historical Society and a founder of the New York State Designer Blacksmith Organization.

Overall, at the completion of his term, Harold will have served 52 years as a Trustee for the Village of Manlius and 32 years as Deputy Mayor. This is indicative of Harold's life long dedication to his community.

Madam Speaker, I invite the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the outstanding life contributions of Harold H. Hopkinson Jr. to Central New York.

RECOGNIZING THE GUJARAT,
INDIA DELEGATION AND THE AL-
LIANCE FOR U.S.-INDIA BUSI-
NESS (AUSIB) FOR PROMOTING
U.S.-INDIA TRADE

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome the Gujarat, India delegation to Washington, D.C. Gujarat is one of the most prominent States on the western coast of India and has contributed significantly to India's growth story with consistent double digit GDP growth for almost a decade.

Since 2003, the Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit has attracted investment agreements worth more than USD 370 billion. The State is now gearing up for the 5th Vibrant Gujarat Summit scheduled to be held on January 12–13, 2011 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

As prelude to the Summit, the Gujarat delegation will be visiting New York to highlight

Gujarat as a leading investment destination while identifying areas of Gujarat-U.S. collaboration.

The delegation will also visit Capitol Hill where members will be hosted by the Congressional Taskforce on U.S.-India Trade and Investment Relations in cooperation with the Alliance for U.S.-India Business (AUSIB), a leading non-profit trade association that offers a pathway to help businesses succeed in the United States and India.

Members of the Gujarat delegation include: Nitin Shukla, CEO, Hazira LNG Pvt. Ltd.; Nitin Sandesara, Chairman, Sterling Biotech Ltd.; Rajiv Modi, Chairman, Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd.; H K Chudgar, Chairman, Intas Pharma; Parimal Nathwani, Group President, Reliance Group; Ravi Sharma, CEO, Adani Group; Sudhir Mehta, Chairman, Torrent; Sunil Kakkad, Chairman, Sai Infosystem (India) Ltd.; Kriti Joshi, Sr. VP, Sai Infosystem (India) Ltd.; Sushil Handa, Chairman, Fifth Veda Entrepreneur/Abellon Energy; D Alok, Business Head, Suzlon Energy Ltd.; B K Goenka, Chairman, Welspun; R J Shah, CEO, Dahej SEZ Ltd.; Samir Patel, CMD, Amos Enterprises; Nirav Mahadevia, Managing Director, Technopolis; Bina Hermeith, Business Head, Abellon Energy.

I join with my colleagues in recognizing the importance of this delegation's visit to our Nation's capital, and I commend AUSIB's President, Mr. Sanjay Puri, for playing a pivotal role in advancing, promoting and strengthening the U.S.-India partnership.

IN HONOR OF THE TOMS RIVER NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of the Toms River National Little League team, who recently returned home from the 2010 Little League World Series. I join the constituents of New Jersey's 3rd District and the State of New Jersey in displaying an immense amount of pride for this inspiring and hard-working team.

Carrying on a tradition of great Jersey Shore baseball, this group of 13 young little league stars played their hearts out to win an impressive 10 straight elimination games. They went all the way to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, representing the U.S. Mid-Atlantic Division with spirit and determination. They returned home to the hero's welcome they deserve by the Toms River community.

The team was one of only eight out of some 16,000 Little League teams across the country to make it so far in the series. It was the fourth Toms River squad and the 10th in the state to ever reach to the World Series.

Regardless of what the scoreboard read, the athletes of the Toms River National team are winners. These young athletes learned valuable life lessons such as the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship, while meeting and developing bonds with other players from countries all over the world.

It is with great honor that I place the names of this year's Toms River Nationals Little League team into the CONGRESSIONAL

RECORD. Under the leadership of Manager Paul Decegle and coaches Karl Blum and John Lazzaro, assistants Russell Petranto Sr., Tom Tiplady, Ronnie Marinaccio, Larry Ciervo, Ronnie Marinaccio Jr., Nic Lebar, and Ryan Decegle, team members Anthony Decegle, Billy Lumi, Russell Petranto, Patrick Marinaccio, Joey Rose, Zack Burns, Joey Hertgen, Kevin Blum, Johnny Lazzaro, Jake Loffredo, Cody Lebar, Michael Tiplady, and Jeff Ciervo made their hometown, their State, and this Congressman very proud.

DREAM FOR A CURE EVENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and sincerity that I take this time to honor Mr. Fred Halpern, Mrs. Nancy Adams, and Dr. David Gross for their many years of service and dedication to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. For their exceptional contributions to such a worthy cause, each of them were honored with the "Different Faces of MS" Award at the Dream for a Cure event held at Strongbow Inn in Valparaiso, Indiana, on Friday, August, 20, 2010.

Since 1960, Mr. Fred Halpern has been the owner of Albert's Jewelers, which originated in East Chicago and is now located in Schererville. It is due to Fred's warm and enthusiastic personality that Albert's Jewelers has become the success it is today. Family has always been the core of Fred's life and it is no surprise that he has shaped his business by turning customers into family friends. Multiple Sclerosis became a part of Fred's life when the love of his life, his wife Donna, was diagnosed soon after their two children, Holly and Joshua were born. Fred has an enormous sense of pride and respect for Donna's courageous struggle and has said, "Donna has been battling this disease for forty years and has never once complained. My wife has an amazing inner-strength, she loves to laugh and everyone who meets her loves her. She inspires me to do my best everyday." The Multiple Sclerosis Society has become a channel for Fred and Donna to give back to others who are struggling with this disease and they have been involved with the foundation for many years. Albert's Jewelers holds an auction each year in which the proceeds go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Fred's business also participates in the MS walk each year. In addition, Albert's continues to concentrate on MS events throughout the area that contribute to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. For his continued passionate and enthusiastic devotion to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Fred is to be commended.

Mrs. Nancy Adams and her husband, Russ of Valparaiso, Indiana are the proud owners of Strongbow Inn. In 1999, Nancy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, a prognosis that changed her life forever. After three years, Nancy was doing very well and decided that it was time to give back to the many people struggling with the disease. In 2003, Nancy rode in two bike-a-thons for Women Against Multiple Sclerosis (WAMS) and raised \$20,000. She was also asked that year to host the first WAMS luncheon in Northwest Indiana.

Nancy continues to donate her time and energy to the cause and has since hosted three WAMS luncheons and rode in three bike-a-thons. For Nancy, having MS is a blessing and has made her realize the importance of life. She and her beloved husband have three amazing children, Ashley, Courtney, and Matthew, with whom she has shared her journey. Nancy's lifelong commitment to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and its many members is an inspiring testament to her character.

Dr. David Gross of Schererville is an ophthalmologist and maintains three offices in Northwest Indiana. In 2002, Dr. Gross rode in his first MS bike tour at Eagle Creek and since has participated each year consecutively, making this year his 9th tour. With the help of many friends, colleagues, and family, David has been able to raise \$175,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Other than through his patients, Dr. Gross has no personal ties to MS, but he has discovered the outstanding benefits that the Multiple Sclerosis Society provides for its patients and selflessly continues to support the cause. His commitment to the Multiple Sclerosis Society can only be matched by the devotion he has to his family. David and his wife Nancy have been married for 19 years and have three beautiful daughters; Sami, Rachel, and Elly. Dr. Gross's compassion and generosity are to be admired and he is worthy of the highest praise.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these outstanding individuals as they are honored with the "Different Faces of MS" Award. Through their selfless devotion and service to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, they have been able to touch the lives of countless individuals, and each recipient is truly an inspiration to us all.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,443,442,988,893.40.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,805,017,242,599.60 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

U.S.-TAIWAN SECURITY COOPERATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, since the Taiwanese election of President Ma Ying-jeou in March 2008, leaders in Beijing and Taipei have promoted cross-strait engagement. Yet it

is important to realize that “there have been no meaningful actions on the part of the mainland, however, to reduce [China’s] military presence opposite the island.” That is a finding of the Pentagon’s annual report to Congress on Chinese military capabilities, released last month.

With its rapidly expanding arsenal of ships, missiles and aircraft, the cross-strait military balance continues to “shift in the mainland’s favor,” according to the report. Indeed, in 2001, China had 250 missiles aimed at Taiwan. Today that number is over 1,400.

This summer’s Pentagon report comes months after the Defense Intelligence Agency concluded that Taiwan’s air defenses are showing increasing vulnerability due to the aging of its fighter aircraft. While China rapidly builds its military forces, Taiwan is struggling.

To help close this gap, Taiwan has had a pending request to buy additional F–16 fighter jets. In May, over 130 members of Congress wrote to President Obama and asked that the Administration “move ahead immediately” with the sale of these airplanes. The Administration is still “studying” this proposal.

Taiwan faces one of the most complex and lethal military threats in the world. Across the region, in response to China’s build-up and increasing assertiveness, China’s neighbors are moving to strengthen their security relationships with the United States. This gravitation to the U.S. will only last as long as the U.S. is seen as a credible guarantor of stability. Moving forward with this F–16 sale would be an appropriate signal to Taiwan, and the region.

Madam Speaker, if we want cross strait détente to succeed—Taiwan will have to do so from a position of strength.

HONORING WESLEY HEINRICHS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Wesley Dean Heinrichs, a United States Marine Corps Veteran of World War II.

Mr. Heinrichs was born on November 28, 1923 in a farming community in Kirk, Colorado. He worked on his family’s farm before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. After hearing the news on the radio about the attack on Pearl Harbor and the outbreak of the War, Mr. Heinrichs came under deep conviction to join the Marines after seeing a billboard with a Marine’s picture that stated: “we need one more good man.” It was Mr. Heinrichs’ passion and love for his country that spurred him to join the Armed Forces to defend and protect our country. In December of 1942, at the age of 19, he traveled to the recruiting office in Denver, Colorado and enlisted in the Marine Corps.

After completion of basic training in San Diego, Mr. Heinrichs served in the commissary of Camp Pendleton distributing packed foods and serving on guard duty. In the same year, he was transferred to a motor transport unit where he worked with the 1st Amphibian Truck Company. His company worked on the Dukw, an experimental amphibious truck for traveling over water and landing on coral

reefs. On December 22, 1943, Mr. Heinrich and his company were deployed to the Pacific Arena to provide support to the Marine Corps operations in the Mariana Islands.

Mr. Heinrichs and his company used the Dukws to carry 105 Howitzers and place them in strategic locations in the Mariana Islands. Additionally, Mr. Heinrichs assisted with the transportation of wounded Marines and Soldiers to medical ships and with the hauling of ammunition and supplies to Marine Bases. Mr. Heinrich and his company served in combat in the battles of Saipan and Tinnian in the Mariana Islands. After the islands were secured, Mr. Heinrichs and his company were transferred to Guam where they protected the island and began training for the invasion of Japan. In 1945, Mr. Heinrich was transferred back to San Diego and was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps on January 13, 1943.

Mr. Heinrichs now resides in Coarsegold, California and is an active member of the American Legion Post 110, the Griswold USMC League and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Heinrichs and his wife of 64 years, Anna Queen Spencer Heinrichs, have four daughters, eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Wesley Heinrichs for his service and dedication to our country. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Wesley Dean Heinrichs.

THE AUBURN LITTLE LEAGUERS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an inspiring group of 11- and 12-year-olds in my District who grabbed the attention of an entire region and were welcomed home as heroes because of their performance in this year’s Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The Auburn little leaguers and their coaches, Kai Nahaku and Dale Wilson, won the Northwest Regional Little League Championship en route to their trip to Williamsport. Once there, the team lost their opening game to the Little Leaguers from Fairfield, Connecticut. Madam Speaker, people started talking about Auburn’s dream season coming to an end, but the team had other ideas.

The boys won their next three games, staving off elimination each time. Playing in front of as many as 30,000 people, the team stared down fear and played an exhilarating brand of baseball, beating Minnesota and Texas before dispatching Connecticut in a rematch. Unfortunately, Madam Speaker, the team’s magical ride ended on August 26, in a loss to Texas.

The community of Auburn supported the team the entire season and some even traveled to Williamsport. The supporters who stayed home cheered wildly at viewing parties around the Auburn area. When the team returned home to Auburn, they were welcomed with a truly special celebration in front of City Hall. It was an honor to participate in the revelry and meet the coaches, players, and their supporters. Not only did the team play well on the diamond, Madam Speaker, but the boys

also represented Auburn and Washington State with class at every turn.

Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Hudson, Dylan, Isaiah, Ryan, Casey, Chandler, Ikaika, Dillon, Tyler, Robbie, Dillon, Coach Kai and Coach Dale for their inspiring play and for creating such fantastic memories. I want to thank Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis, Washington Governor Christine Gregoire, and the community of Auburn for providing unique and overwhelming support for the team throughout the season and upon their return. I’m excited to see what this special group of boys will accomplish in the future. Thank you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. ARMY RANGER SPECIALIST CHRISTOPHER S. WRIGHT

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, August 19, 2010, our nation lost another brave hero. Army Ranger Specialist Christopher Shane Wright was killed in Pech, Afghanistan, from injuries sustained from enemy small arms fire. He was 23 years old. A Kentucky resident, Specialist Wright’s mother currently lives in Jeffersonville, IN.

Specialist Wright was known as a man of courage beyond his years. He was deeply loyal and good-hearted. He had an intense love of his family and of his fellow soldiers. When told that his grandparents would pray for him, he asked that they also pray for the soldiers in his unit as well.

Wright joined the Army in 2005. Prior to his 18th birthday, Wright expressed a desire to enlist, and within days of turning 18, he did so. Wright was a veteran of two prior deployments—once to Iraq, and once to Afghanistan.

The loss of Specialist Wright is tragic. He deserves our most heartfelt gratitude and respect. Though I did not know him, I mourn his death and the loss to his family. He and his loved ones are in my prayers.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and its 2010 theme—Celebrating History, Heritage, and the American Dream. From September 15, 2010 through October 15, 2010, the people of the United States will once again celebrate the histories, cultures, and traditions of our Hispanic American brothers and sisters. Since its inception as National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, and became known as National Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988, Americans have taken this time to not only honor the rich culture and traditions of Hispanic Americans, but also to reflect on the countless contributions they have made that have led to improvements in their communities, and in turn, a better America.

As we reflect on the importance of the contributions that have been made by Hispanic

Americans, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one individual in particular from the First Congressional District who has represented the epitome of leadership and civil service within Northwest Indiana, the Honorable Mara Candelaria Reardon, Indiana State Representative, District 12. A lifelong resident of Northwest Indiana, Representative Candelaria Reardon's continued dedication and commitment to her community is to be commended. Being the first Latina elected to the Indiana General Assembly, Representative Candelaria Reardon's service is an inspiration not only to the Hispanic community, but to women of every cultural background, which is fitting as we also recently celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the Woman's Right to Vote on August 26, 2010.

Mara Candelaria Reardon was born in East Chicago, Indiana. She is the daughter of Isabelino "Cande" Candelaria, the first Puerto Rican appointed to a city council in Indiana, and Victoria Soto Candelaria, the first Latina elected as President of the Indiana Federation of Teachers. Growing up in a family where community activism and Hispanic heritage were core values has undoubtedly been the foundation of her remarkable career.

Representative Candelaria Reardon has extensive experience in the public and private sectors. Her introduction to public service began while working for my office as a Federal Projects Coordinator. Mara Candelaria Reardon was elected Representative for Indiana State District 12 in 2006, and she continues to passionately serve the constituents of her district stating, "Their concerns and goals will serve as the focal point of my efforts in the Indiana House of Representatives. I look forward to the opportunity of working with local officials and community leaders to ensure that their needs are addressed." Throughout her tenure in the Indiana General Assembly, a main goal for Representative Candelaria Reardon has been working to lower property taxes, fighting for realistic tax policies.

In addition to her impressive career, Representative Candelaria Reardon is involved in numerous commendable organizations. Currently, she serves as Treasurer of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, an organization that works to create and expand state legislation that supports minority communities throughout the state of Indiana. Recently, she was elected as Treasurer of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL). The NHCSL is a national organization that unites Hispanic state legislators who work to positively impact the quality of life within Hispanic communities across the United States. Through the NHCSL, Representative Candelaria Reardon is able to work on issues such as quality education, healthcare, affordable housing, comprehensive immigration reform, and job creation on behalf of the Hispanic community in her district and across the nation.

Mara's dedication to Indiana District 12 and the community of Northwest Indiana is exceeded only by her devotion to her wonderful family. She and her loving husband, Matthew, have two children, Christian and Victoria.

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, let us pay tribute to leaders such as Representative Mara Candelaria Reardon, who have contributed so much to the improvement of our communities and our nation. I respectfully ask that you and

my other colleagues join me in commending Representative Candelaria Reardon for her lifetime of service to the Hispanic community and the community of Northwest Indiana. I am proud to serve as her representative in Washington, D.C.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT CAMMARATA FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Mr. Robert L. Cammarata on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the City of Taunton Department of Human Services.

A tireless and dedicated community leader, Robert Cammarata's career epitomizes public service. He has distinguished himself with his hard work for the people of Massachusetts, and I congratulate him on his accomplishments.

Mr. Robert L. Cammarata was born in 1948 in the village of Ossining, New York. His family moved to the City of Taunton in 1955. Mr. Cammarata served his country as an Army Reservist. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Human Services from New Hampshire College. He is the proud father of Robyn Cammarata Bryant and Thomas Cammarata.

Mr. Cammarata began employment with the City of Taunton in 1974 as the Director of the Taunton Council on Aging. Following a merger of City Departments in 1982, he became the Director of the Department of Human Services. During his tenure, Mr. Cammarata has developed and instituted a variety of programs and services for the citizens of Taunton. He was instrumental in expanding services for seniors of Taunton, including but not limited to, transportation, health programming, nutrition programming including both home delivered meals and site meals, in-home mental health services, bilingual services, nursing services and social and recreational programs. Notable programs that Mr. Cammarata instituted or facilitated include the Elder Outreach Program, Dial-A-Ride, Home Delivered Meals Program, the Elder Mobile Outreach Team for mental health services, Computer & Internet Center for Elders and the UMass Community Nursing Program.

As Human Services Director, Mr. Cammarata also helped conceive, provide and expand many programs for all citizens of Taunton. Noteworthy programs include: the Taunton Safe Neighborhood Initiative, which includes the Community Policing Program, Crime Watch Program, Graffiti Removal Program and was instrumental in assuring communication between policing entities, probation departments, school departments, human services and clergy; Jobs for Youth Program; provision of Basic Needs that included food pantries, emergency utility assistance, emergency rental/mortgage assistance and the establishment of the first homeless shelter in Taunton.

Robert Cammarata was a member of many local, regional and statewide organizations and committees. Locally and regionally, he served as Board Member, Chairman, coordi-

nator and/or as a general member of the Taunton Safe Neighborhood Initiative, Taunton Emergency Task Force, Greater Attleboro/Taunton Regional Transit Authority, Bristol Elder Services, Inc., Advisory Council, Greater Taunton Health and Human Services Coalition, St. Francis Samaritan House, Bristol Plymouth Regional High School Council, Italian Social Club and the Kiwanis. Statewide, Mr. Cammarata was a Chairman/Board Member of the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, Cape and the Islands Regional Councils on Aging, Local Officials of Human Services Council and a member of many committees through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. In 2006, Mr. Cammarata received the Council on Aging Director of the Year from the Massachusetts Councils on Aging.

Over his thirty-four years of public service, Robert L. Cammarata has assisted many elders, individuals and families in accessing needed services to assure that they live safe, healthy, happy and productive lives. He has mentored many human service professionals during his life and we honor Mr. Cammarata for who he is and what he has accomplished.

HONORING THE RUTHERFORD DUST SOCIETY OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rutherford Dust Society. They are being recognized by the Friends of the Napa River this evening for their sterling work to restore the Napa River in the Rutherford area.

The Rutherford Dust Society was founded in 1994 by growers and vintners in tribute to the legacy of our grape growing and winemaking forebears. In 2002, the Society's board voted to empower a subcommittee to be known as the Rutherford Dust Restoration Team (RDRT). The Restoration Team, chaired by Davie Piña, was tasked with initiating a plan to manage and restore the Napa River. Among other objectives, RDRT focuses on reducing sediment loading into the river downstream; restoring habitat for salmonids and other aquatic species; restoring a continuous corridor of riparian habitat for birds and wildlife; replacing invasive plants with native species; and engaging landowners in the process to maintain regulatory compliance.

After seven years of hard work and planning, the RDRT broke ground on phase 1 of its restoration project, which will rehabilitate over four miles of the river. RDRT is a pioneering project in that it is one of the few comprehensive reach-scale restoration projects in the region to move beyond just planning into on-the-ground implementation. This rare achievement would not have been possible without the leadership of Mr. Piña and the Dust Society's board.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we thank everyone involved with the Rutherford Dust Society for the example they set as consummate stewards of the land. We wish them the best of luck on their continued efforts to improve our environment for agriculture and the community.

HONORING VERNA MOORE

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Verna Moore, a true inspiration from my hometown of Peoria, Illinois. Verna will be turning one hundred years old on October 16, 2010 and plans to celebrate her birthday by spending time with her family. Throughout her life, Verna has inspired others with her positive attitude, warm personality, love of music, and active lifestyle.

Verna was born on October 16, 1910 to John and Elizabeth Troker, owners of a coal mine in Peoria. She was the youngest of eight children and was always very close with her sisters, brothers, and cousins. Verna has been a resident of Peoria, Illinois her entire life. From a young age, Verna was always filled with love and possessed a giving soul. Under her father's influence, she was raised Catholic and it was from a nun in their church that she first learned to play the piano. She began lessons at a young age and immediately loved the instrument.

Verna graduated the eighth grade from Lucy E. Tyng Middle School and began working in a warehouse. Her life changed when she first met her husband, Carthy Moore, near a pond at Glen Oak Park. They were immediately drawn to each other and married in 1936. Their marriage was built on love and stability, lasting nearly forty years until her husband passed away in 1974. The couple built their house from the ground up and Verna has lived in that same home ever since. Carthy made a living as a foreman at the Keystone Steel and Wire Factory in Martinsville, Illinois. Verna supported Carthy as a homemaker and mother. Her first and only child, William Moore, was born January 16, 1941. William fondly remembers his mother's wonderful baking and cooking, and the great care she always gave to him when he was sick as a child.

As she grew older, Verna took interest in a Mennonite church down the road from her Peoria home. She soon began attending the church and later played piano during the services. She continued to play hymns for the church services up until just a few years ago. To this day she continues to stay active. Today she not only is a mother, but a grandmother, a great grandmother, and a great-great grandmother. Her love has affected the entire community. Through her vibrant spirit she continues to inspire others, especially at the age of 100 years old.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I wish to wholeheartedly congratulate Verna Moore on reaching the immense milestone of 100 years of age. I hope that every American can learn the important lesson of staying healthy and fit in both mind and body while maintaining a loving heart such as Verna's.

CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF GRADUATES OF BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my colleagues Congressmen JIM COSTA and GEORGE RADANOVICH, to extend our deepest condolences to the families of Buchanan High School graduates of Clovis, California who were lost in battle.

Words are insufficient to convey the depth of pain and loss felt by the families, friends, and colleagues of these brave men. They displayed enormous courage and a true commitment to protecting our Nation. Their tragic loss will continue to be felt by many for years to come.

Marine Corporal Jeremiah A. Baro, 21, of Fresno, California was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, in Camp Pendleton, California. He died on November 4th, 2004, of injuries sustained due to enemy action in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Jeremiah was a 2001 graduate of Buchanan High School.

Marine Lance Corporal Jared P. Hubbard, 22, of Clovis, California was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, in Camp Pendleton, California. He died on November 4th, 2004, of injuries sustained due to enemy action in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Jared was a 2001 graduate of Buchanan High School.

Marine Lance Corporal Anthony E. Butterfield, 19, of Clovis, California died on July 29th 2006 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, in Twentynine Palms, California. Tony was a 2005 graduate of Buchanan High School.

Army Private First Class Rowan D. Walter, 25, of Winnetka, California was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, in Fort Carson, Colorado. He died on February 23rd, 2007, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat operations in Ramadi, Iraq. Rowan was a 1999 graduate of Buchanan High School.

Army Corporal Nathan C. Hubbard, 21, of Clovis, California was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, at the Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. He died on August 22nd, 2007 when a Black Hawk helicopter crashed in Northern Iraq. Nathan was a 2004 graduate of Buchanan High School.

Senior Airman Nicholas D. Eischen, 24, of Sanger, California was assigned to the 60th Medical Operations Squadron at Travis Air Force Base in California. He died on Christmas Eve 2007 while serving as an emergency room medic at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. Nathan was a 2001 graduate of Buchanan High School and played on the varsity football team.

Sergeant Brian F. Piercy, 26, of Clovis, California was assigned to the U.S. Army's Alpha Company, 2-508 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was killed on July 19th, 2010, while serving in combat in Afghanistan. Brian was a 2001 graduate from Buchanan High School, and the son of Alta Sierra math teacher Carol Piercy.

Today we honor each of these brave young men for their service to our country and extend our condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues.

HONORING CELIA KUPERSMITH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Celia Kupersmith, who departs from her position as General Manager of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District on September 1, 2010. Over the past 11 years, Ms. Kupersmith has overseen improvements in the infrastructure and services on which millions of people in the San Francisco Bay Area depend. Her leadership has been a source of strength during an especially active period for the Bridge District.

With over 800 employees running the Golden Gate Bridge, five transbay ferries, and a network of nearly 200 buses, the Bridge District manages the most critical linkages between San Francisco and the North Bay. It provides residents with over 50 million trips annually, and it maintains services for the six million tourists who come each year to visit the Bridge itself.

In 1999, after serving for several years as Executive Directive of the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Nevada, Ms. Kupersmith took on the challenge of leading this important agency at the outset of a number of significant technological and administrative changes.

During her period of service, Ms. Kupersmith has worked tirelessly to ensure that the people of the Bay Area can rely on the physical safety of the Golden Gate Bridge. She was called on to respond to the increased security demands placed on the Bridge District after September 11, 2001, and she has led the reform of Bridge security that followed. I am also particularly proud to have worked with her through several Congresses to secure federal funding for the ongoing seismic retrofitting of the Bridge.

Under Ms. Kupersmith's leadership, the past decade has seen the Bridge District make substantial improvements in its speed and interconnectedness within the Bay Area transportation network. This includes the implementation of electronic toll collection on the Golden Gate Bridge and the introduction of region-wide public transit cards—the TransLink and Clipper cards—on our buses and ferries. The Bridge District has also worked to enhance the speed of ferry service, which now offers a connection between Central Marin and downtown San Francisco in only 30 minutes.

Ms. Kupersmith will be leaving the Bridge District for a Deputy CEO position at Sound

Transit, a transportation agency serving Washington's Puget Sound region. However, she will also be leaving behind a legacy of service that will endure in the Bridge District's improved infrastructure, modernized services, and sounder long-term financial outlook.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Ms. Kupersmith for her contributions to the Bay Area and in wishing her all the best in her new endeavors. Ms. Kupersmith leaves our Bridge, buses, and ferries stronger than when she arrived, and with a sound footing for building on recent progress.

CONGRATULATING MS. CATHERINE CARNAHAN

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Catherine Carnahan of Oregon for receiving the award of Middle Level Principal of the Year. The National Association of Secondary Schools Principals honors the secondary school principal who has succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession.

Ms. Carnahan believes in the spirit of collaboration and unselfishly credits the highly-trained team that she leads. Over the last five years, this cooperation has led to increased test scores and an attendance rate of 95 percent or higher. She and her team work together to find strategies to help each student succeed.

I am privileged to represent Duniway Middle School in McMinnville, Oregon, and the team of professionals that provide quality education to their students every day. Not only do I honor Ms. Carnahan for her contribution to the noble endeavor of teaching, but I commend her as an example of true leadership. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Carnahan for this important recognition and her commitment to excellence in our public schools.

HONORING HOWARD S. WEITZMAN

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the Nassau County Comptroller Howard S. Weitzman for his remarkable contributions to the Long Island community. As Comptroller, Mr. Weitzman served as a fiscal watchdog and continuously worked to strengthen Nassau County. For these reasons and many others, I believe he is worthy of recognition.

As the first Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to be elected to the office of Nassau County Comptroller, Mr. Weitzman successfully strengthened the Comptroller's office. He achieved a significant financial turnaround, changing deficits into surpluses and providing balanced budgets without a tax increase for five years in a row. Mr. Weitzman focused on

audits in the areas of County government with the largest expenditures, which resulted in identifying millions of dollars in potential savings. In addition, he has assembled a highly professional staff and continuously improved the office by implementing innovative management techniques.

Under the Office of Comptroller, Mr. Weitzman created and implemented the NassauRx Card. This innovative prescription drug program provides discounts up to 40 percent on commonly prescribed drugs and is accepted at more than 90 percent of the County's drugstores. Mr. Weitzman successfully implemented this program with no cost to County taxpayers and the NassauRx Card has saved Nassau residents more than \$12 million.

The work of Mr. Weitzman is inspiring, and I am grateful to him for all that he has accomplished for Nassau County. It is through his hard work and determination that Nassau County remains prosperous and strong. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for his contributions to society.

RECOGNIZING CISCO SYSTEMS, INC. FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE IN RICHARDSON, TEXAS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Richardson, Texas, branch of Cisco Systems, Inc. on 10 years of outstanding operations. Cisco, the global leader in building the "Human Network," has over 70,000 employees worldwide, 1,400 of which work in the Third Congressional District of Texas.

The American public recognizes the company's internationally famous name and logo from popular TV shows such as 24 and Rubicon where, true to life, Cisco's unmatched technology is used by government agencies to defend the Nation against enemies foreign and domestic. The company also leads the way in keeping our kids safe as they navigate the Internet. In fact, Cisco invented key technology that helped shape the Internet—transforming how people connect, communicate and collaborate.

The vision of Len Bosack and Sandy Lemer, Cisco's founders, propelled this company into a multi-billion dollar business. Recognized by hundreds of magazines and investors as one of the "Best Places to Work," Cisco's commitment to innovation and research is at the company's core. With over five billion dollars a year invested in Research and Development, R&D, Cisco represents one of the biggest R&D spenders in the world. Their technology and innovations have changed the way the United States—and the world—communicates.

It is a privilege to have many of this top-notch company's best and brightest living and working in North Texas. To the outstanding employees of Cisco-Richardson, happy 10th anniversary, and I salute you.

HONORING SAMES MOTOR COMPANY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sames Motor Company's one hundredth year in operation. Sames Motor Company is Texas' oldest dealership. This automotive company has accomplished a century of service to our community throughout the years.

Founded in 1910 by William J. Sames, this successful and prospering company has been sustained through five generations of Sames, traditional values and great work ethic. It continues to be locally owned in Laredo, Texas and operated by the Sames family. The dealership started with humble beginnings with an inventory starting with three Ford Model-Ts. Today, it sells over 3,000 new vehicles and an excess of 4,000 used vehicles a year and employs over 400 workers through the Sames Auto Group.

Within 4 years of its founding, a new location was needed for the booming business. By 1919, a new, grander location was established in downtown Laredo, which sold Ford, Cadillac, and other automobiles. Years later after World War II, Sames agreed with Ford Motor Company to be a dealership selling the Ford brand exclusively. The company continued to prosper under a succession of the Sames family, Harry E. Sames, Sr., son of W.J. Sames; Harry E. Sames, Jr., son of Harry, Sr.; and Harry "Hank" E. Sames III. In 1926 the dealership sold over a thousand Fords. By the 1960s and '70s, Sames Motor Company expanded to add three more locations in Laredo. The company, owned by the fourth generation of Sames, continued forward by acquiring Sames Red Barn, a dealership in Austin and expanding to Corpus Christi locations. Hank Sames developed the in-house financing division known as Thunderbird Auto Finance and launched the state of the art Sames Collision Center. Today, Sames Motor Company is owned by the fifth generation of Sames and thrives on traditional business values and excellent customer service.

Sustaining a business for a century is not the only accomplishment of this establishment—community outreach and philanthropic contributions have come along with the success of Sames Motor Company. The founding of the Sames Scholars and the Driven to Success Programs is the only program of its kind for south Texas as an education based initiative. Evelyn Sames, fifth generation owner, implemented a new program called "Mission: Give Laredo," which benefits Bethany House, a local charity. In 2009, Mission: Give Laredo raised over \$100,000 and contributed food, clothing, and goods. Recently, working with city officials, Evelyn is developing the Tires for Life recycling and wellness program, which will commit to the youth to healthy living and recycling. Sames Motor Company has also been the recipient of numerous awards and recognition.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize Texas' oldest dealership and its 100th anniversary. Through outstanding service and a family owned business, Sames Motor Company has accomplished a century of dedication.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICKELODEON
AND THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF
"DORA THE EXPLORER"

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, I rise today on behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to recognize Nickelodeon for their commitment to educational programming that promotes the ideals of multiculturalism, bilingualism, and diversity. August 14, 2010 marked the 10-year anniversary of the popular animated television educational program "Dora the Explorer," and this week the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute will recognize Nickelodeon at the organization's 33rd Annual Public Policy Conference.

As co-chair of the Communications, Technology, and Arts Taskforce, I work with my colleagues to promote the advancement of Latino arts and culture in all mediums, including print, broadcast, and the Internet. Achieving these goals requires forming partnerships with local, state, and national groups, including artists, non-profit advocacy organizations, and corporate broadcasters and programmers.

Nickelodeon is one of these important partners that has been successful in incorporating the values of multiculturalism, bilingualism, and diversity by producing shows like "Dora the Explorer." The interactive children's television show, created by Chris Gifford, Eric Weiner, and Valerie Walsh, ranks among the top-rated shows in nearly every major market in the world, and is syndicated to TV broadcasters in 151 markets and translated into 30 languages. The program teaches Spanish in the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Ireland, and teaches English in most other international markets.

The show's main character, Dora Marquez, has become an ambassador of Latino language and culture, reaching millions of children around the world. The show's creators have been able to use the full power of animation to transform the television medium as a force for bridging cultural gaps and educating children about diversity.

I also applaud Nickelodeon for marking the 10th anniversary of "Dora the Explorer," with a multi-year, multi-platform, pro-social campaign titled "Beyond the Backpack." This program, named for Dora's iconic backpack, champions overall school readiness for preschoolers as they prepare for the important adventure of starting school.

In partnership with an advisory committee that includes the National Parent Teacher Association, PTA, and other experts and leaders in school readiness, "Beyond the Backpack" will provide parents with tools and resources that can help children prepare for a well-rounded, positive experience as they enter kindergarten. Programs like these will promote education to all children and assist parents.

I am pleased to recognize Nickelodeon on the 10th anniversary of "Dora the Explorer," and commend the network for their commitment to educational programming that promotes the ideals of multiculturalism, bilingualism, and diversity.

CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY
INVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, the main issue facing public power providers, corporate electric companies, and tribal utilities who wish to generate renewable energy is the lack of equal treatment under the current tax credit bond system. The "Clean Renewable Energy Investment Act of 2010," brings parity to these providers by giving them the necessary tools to help solve the nation's energy problems while creating thousands of jobs. In 2005, Congress created the Clean Renewable Energy Bond ("CREB") program to provide the not-for-profit sector of the utility industry with a federal incentive to assist them in creating green jobs and developing renewable power generation. Many much needed improvements and modifications to the CREB program have been discovered through the practical application of the CREBS program over the past five years. This bill provides the much needed improvements to the CREB program, bringing the program's effectiveness in line with Congress's initial intent.

The bill contains four key provisions. First it provides parity with the Section 45 production tax credits. Second, it targets incentives to commercial scale projects. Third, it clarifies that tribal utilities may issue CREBs. Lastly, it includes important technical modifications to make CREBs more consistent with other types of existing tax credit bonds.

Ultimately, this bill enables these power providers to develop and own renewable resources directly, while ensuring that the full benefit of the federal incentive flows directly to electric consumers—resulting in lower costs to the consumers through the creation of green jobs and renewable energy.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE OHIO ASSOCIATION
OF REALTORS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the 100th birthday of the Ohio Association of REALTORS (OAR).

Home ownership stands as a hallmark of the American way of life, and, for millions of working families throughout this nation's history, owning a home comprises a large part of achieving the American dream. At the core of this promise is the industry which helps make this dream a reality.

Realtors serve a vital role in the healthy propagation of homeownership; therefore, those who contribute to the furtherance of this profession are deserving of our thanks and recognition. The Ohio Association of REALTORS was created to help protect the investment Americans place in their homes, and for 100 years this fine organization has served with distinction. Where homeownership flourishes neighborhoods prosper, as residents are more civic-minded, schools stronger and streets safer.

For 100 years, the Ohio Association of REALTORS has worked to emphasize the value of home ownership and other property ownerships as well as property improvement across the state. Moreover, the OAR actively promotes a sense of civic responsibility and volunteerism with its over 35,000 members, while also pushing members to adhere to the National Association of REALTORS' stringent Code of Ethics.

Through commendable love of our community and fidelity to their craft, OAR serves a vital need in the state of Ohio. Therefore, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Ohio Association of REALTORS and in honor of all those individuals who serve their community as a realtor, I am proud to offer this recognition. As a former realtor, I am especially pleased to honor this fine organization for its service to our great state and the realty community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FLOURTOWN
FIRE COMPANY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Flourtown Fire Company on the 100th Anniversary of their founding. Located in Springfield Township, this all-volunteer fire company serves not only the residents of Springfield, but also several surrounding communities.

When a local barn burnt down in 1910, a small group of dedicated citizens came together to form what would become the Flourtown Fire Company. From a modest start of a hand-drawn hose-cart stored in a barn to a modern firehouse with state-of-the-art life saving equipment, the Flourtown Fire Company has been a vital asset to the community.

The volunteers of the Flourtown Fire Company have relocated several times to accommodate their growing fleet. In 1983 the company opened its doors to women volunteers as well as men.

Over the past century the Flourtown Fire Company has demonstrated its commitment to protecting its neighbors numerous times. The Flourtown Fire Company is the home of station 6, Engine 6, Ladder 6, Squad 6, and Utility 6. The company's heroic work and valor has been recognized by the Montgomery County Firemen's Association for life saving efforts far above and beyond the call of duty. In 2003, the company added a Firefighter Assist and Search Team to help protect volunteers during rescue operations. The company also offers safety training courses and activities for children and families.

My constituents in the Springfield area are safer and more secure because of dedicated men and women like those who serve and support the Flourtown Fire Company. I am honored to represent the volunteers of the Flourtown Fire Company and the communities they serve.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Flourtown Fire Company's 100 year celebration and wishing them many more years of faithful service to the community.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg, Illinois, on the 50th Anniversary of this educational institution.

Discussion and planning for a college began in 1959. At that time, the State of Illinois rejected the plans, but a review was granted. The Harrisburg High School Board of Trustees created an advisory committee to help found the college. On June 21, 1960, a public vote was taken and over 93 percent of the more than 2,500 voters were in favor of the college. In September 1960 the name Southeastern Illinois College was officially adopted.

Instruction at the college began on September 11, 1961 with 314 students enrolled. The classes were conducted in a wing of Harrisburg Township High School. In 1965 the Illinois Junior College Act passed, and Southeastern officially became a Class II Junior College. In 1967 a referendum to become a Class I college carried, and the district was expanded to include five counties.

In 1968 the first Board of Trustees was elected and assumed governance of the college. The first President, Mr. Joe Deaton, was appointed. In 1976 the college was granted full accreditation by North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Also that year, the permanent facilities, still in use today, were completed and occupied.

Today, Southeastern Illinois College provides educational opportunities to a number of high school graduates and those returning to school in an ever expanding campus. I am please to congratulate this fine institution on 50 years of success. I look forward to the bright future in store for Southeastern Illinois College.

CONGRATULATING LOGISTICS HEALTH INCORPORATED FOR RECEIVING THE EMPLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Logistics Health Incorporated for receiving the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Logistics Health, based in La Crosse, Wisconsin, joined 14 other employers across the country in being recognized for their outstanding support of employees who serve in the Guard and the Reserves.

For many years, our Guard and Reserve forces were seen as a "force of last resort," but recent conflicts have demonstrated just how vital the Guard and Reserves are on a day-to-day basis. In fact, since 2001, more than 775,000 members of the Guard and the Reserves have been activated for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. These families have gone through enormous sacrifice to

serve their country and too many have given the ultimate sacrifice. We as a nation will be forever grateful to them for their contributions.

As an employer, Logistics Health has gone above and beyond the call of duty in assuring our Guard and Reserve servicemembers that they don't have to worry about their jobs back home. Logistics Health ensures that Guard and Reserve servicemembers won't lose their seniority, salary, and benefits while they are serving their country.

Logistics Health also regularly sends care packages, letters, and emails to its service-member employees, sponsors community events and fundraisers for care package drives for the military as a whole. Logistics Health has contributed \$120,000 to military support organizations and fundraisers.

For its patriotic commitment to the Guard and the Reserves, earlier this year Logistics Health won Wisconsin's "Above and Beyond" award and received the state's "Pro Patria" award.

Employers across the nation should take a close look at the good work Logistics Health and others are doing in providing members of the Guard and the Reserves with the flexibility they need when they leave to serve their country and for when they come back ready to resume civilian life.

CONCERNING FLOOD ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today out of concern for the people of Pakistan who have been affected by the catastrophic flooding this monsoon season. As reports continue to emerge detailing ever-increasing numbers of displaced families and deaths, I want to express my deepest sympathy for the victims of this tragedy.

Estimates indicate that over 20 million people are affected by the flooding and over 1,600 have died. In addition, almost 900,000 homes have been destroyed or damaged. According to the UN, millions of people went unaided in the days and weeks after the flooding began. We must also remember that even after the waters recede, the lack of shelter, food, and clean water may bring ongoing suffering. And as croplands and farming equipment are destroyed, the threat of future famine looms.

The devastation these floods have wrought is widespread and affects people in multiple Pakistani provinces. In the Sindh province alone, estimates from August 10th indicate that 1.4 million people and 2,534 villages have been affected by the floods, and as of August 18th new flood warnings continue to be issued. Through communications with the Sindh-American community over the past year, I have learned of the challenges that the Sindh and other provinces face. These floods have exacerbated the situation. We must ensure that our relief efforts reach all affected people and do not inadvertently neglect the individual regions.

The U.S. has responded rapidly trying to provide relief assistance, and it is my hope that our efforts will continue to ensure that the

death and disease tolls do not rise as winter approaches. Through September 14th, total U.S. government assistance reached over \$300 million. Much of the assistance provided by the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development has been distributed in partnership with several international agencies including the United Nations and the Red Cross.

While the U.S. continues to play a leadership role in the global effort to assist the people of Pakistan in this difficult time, it is my sincere hope that our efforts reach all those affected by this tragedy. I raise this concern in light of troubling reports that followed the 2005 earthquake in Kashmir. Even one year after that devastating event, Oxfam reported that administrative bottlenecks and corruption had stymied progress toward reconstruction. We must ensure that such an occurrence is not repeated.

Last year, Congress passed The Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009 which is now public law. Title III of this legislation was written to ensure that U.S. assistance reaches all the people of Pakistan fairly and equitably. I wish to reiterate the concerns that prompted this title and to urge the agencies spearheading our relief efforts to follow appropriate protocols for monitoring the assistance related to the recent floods.

AN EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, in 2006 and again in 2009, I brought to the attention of the House of Representatives law enforcement's new tactic of using billboards to deliver information to the public about wanted fugitives. Today, I will provide an update on progress regarding this effective partnership.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) now has the capability to send alerts nationwide via more than 2,000 high-tech electronic (digital) billboards. The first such nationwide alert posted on digital billboards was activated on August 2, 2010, as part of the FBI's manhunt in a serial bank-robbery case.

The results, according to federal officials, were impressive. Soon after the suspect's photo was displayed on digital billboards, an FBI field office in Virginia received information from a tipster identifying the fugitive and providing, among other things, photographs. The suspect, dubbed the "Granddad Bandit," was apprehended on August 11 in Baton Rouge, LA.

Authorities had been chasing the "Granddad Bandit" for nearly two years. Based on bank videotapes and other evidence, he is suspected of robbing at least 25 banks in 13 states starting in 2008.

"A tip to the FBI made today's arrest possible," said US Attorney Neil H. MacBride in the Eastern District of Virginia. "This is a great example of how the public and law enforcement must work together to keep our communities safe."

Michael Morehart, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Richmond Division, thanked the Outdoor Advertising Association of America (OAAA) for coordination of digital billboards, and also publicity on radio and in print.

We hear the term “partnership” used frequently. I would like to explain to my colleagues what partnership means in this instance.

The space and time on digital billboards are donated. The FBI worked closely with the outdoor advertising industry to develop computer software to facilitate the transfer images and text to digital billboards. Specifically, Young Electric Sign Company (YESCO) based in Utah built the computer software.

At the FBI, management has shown a willingness to innovate. In 2007, the FBI—working with a fugitive task force—posted images of wanted fugitives in the Philadelphia area. Based on success there, the agency and the outdoor advertising industry expanded this tactic to other areas.

On March 20, 2009, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller presented a Director’s Community Leadership Award to outdoor advertising companies participating in the partnership.

This month, Mr. Mueller presented a Director’s Award of Excellence to Harry Coghlan of Clear Channel Outdoor’s Spectacolor for his role in assisting the FBI in Times Square. As an example, the FBI announced on September 12, 2010, that an alleged mobster who was featured on a large high-tech billboard in Times Square was arrested in Yonkers, NY.

Meanwhile, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an arm of the Justice Department, has distributed more than 400 AMBER Alerts to digital billboards since June of 2008.

I commend the partners in this effective use of technology to deliver information quickly in a mobile society on behalf of public safety.

ON THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the enduring legacy of a faith institution in the city of Portsmouth. This year, Third Baptist Church is celebrating its 125th anniversary, and in recognition of this milestone I would like to take a moment to reflect on the history of this esteemed church and its contributions to the greater Portsmouth community.

The original seeds of Third Baptist Church were planted in a schoolhouse on Portsmouth’s Chestnut Street in 1885. It was there that Rev. J.W. Godwin and a group of women conceived of the church and held its first services. From this humble beginning, the church grew under the pastorship of Rev. James Garriss. It was during the tenure of the third pastor, Rev. Harold Anthony, that the church moved to its present location on the corner of Queen and Godwin streets, then the frontier of the city.

Third Baptist’s congregation grew considerably at the new site under the leadership of fourth pastor Rev. Frank Campbell. Rev. Campbell saw the location of the new church, a neighborhood populated by saloons and other morally questionable establishments, as a blessing and opportunity to spread the Word and enlarge the Third Baptist Church family. Due to revivals and outreach efforts, the

church outgrew its building, and a new sanctuary was built in 1911, the sanctuary Third Baptist uses to this day.

Third Baptist continued to grow under the leadership of fifth pastor Rev. B.W. Dance. During his 18 years at Third Baptist, the church knew both success and setback. The \$10,000 mortgage was burned in 1920, a pipe organ was installed, and massive improvements to the sanctuary were completed. As the Great Depression swept the country, the Church was not able to escape its effects. But financial hardship was not powerful enough to close the doors of Third Baptist. When the church could not pay the salaries of Rev. Dance, the church organist, sexton, and clerk, they all continued to serve God and the congregation without a paycheck. This continued until the church could afford to pay them half their wages and finally restore their full salaries.

The Church’s sixth pastor, Rev. C. J. Washington, was installed in 1939. Under his direction, the church established a building fund and secured property for and erected a parsonage on the southeast corner of Elm Avenue and Glasgow Street.

Third Baptist’s seventh pastor, Rev. C.H. Jordan, was installed in 1947. His 31 years of service encompassed the postwar growth of the city of Portsmouth, and many of the institutions of modern Third Baptist were founded under his leadership. One of the Church’s greatest accomplishments of this period was the establishment of a kindergarten and Adult Education Program. Originally housed in the first small Queen Street sanctuary, by 1951, the program had outgrown its facilities, and a new educational building was constructed. Third Baptist continued to expand in the neighborhood, buying a building across Queen Street and renovating it into a Fellowship Hall. Eventually this hall was the only Third Baptist building large enough to hold the education program, and in 1974 the repurposed, renovated, and fully air conditioned facility was dedicated. Rev. Jordan served Third Baptist until his death in 1978.

Third Baptist Church’s eighth and current pastor is Rev. Joe B. Fleming. Since 1981, Rev. Fleming has led the church into the 21st century. During his tenure, the position of Youth Minister was established to coordinate a program to meet the needs and expectations of the young members of Third Baptist. The church ushered in a new era in service in 1994 when it named its first two female Deacons to the Diaconate. In October of 2004, the Fleming family added another generation of service to Third Baptist. Rev. Joseph A. Fleming, the son of Rev. Fleming and Mrs. Johnnie Fleming, became the Assistant to the Pastor of Third Baptist Church and currently serves as Supervisor of Ministries.

The Church continues to minister to its community to this day. The education program now includes after school homework assistance. The newly renovated kitchen helps facilitate the weekly feed-the-hungry program and the Meals on Wheels ministry. This enduring legacy of service is due to the efforts of the congregation, some of whom have been members of Third Baptist for over 60 years.

I would like to commend Pastor Fleming and the congregation of Third Baptist Church as they celebrate their 125th anniversary. I hope that their next 125 years of service will be as fruitful as their first 125 years.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Southern Illinois Regional Social Services (SIRSS).

The origin of SIRSS can actually be traced to February 10, 1958, with the meeting of a temporary committee whose purpose was to organize a mental health association and clinic in Jackson County, Illinois. Through the dedicated work of a small group of individuals, the Southern Illinois Mental Health Clinic (SIMHC) was opened in October of 1959 with the first full year of services in 1960.

As the organization evolved to meet its service offerings and geographic area, its name would be modified to reflect that growth. Jackson County Community Mental Health Center was the name adopted in the 1960’s and then, in the 1990’s, it became Southern Illinois Regional Social Services (SIRSS).

SIRSS has always been a dynamic organization, adding new services and evaluating existing services to make sure they are effective, in line with their core mission and addressing the needs of their clients. Substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, wellness education, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and satellite offices are all examples of the variety of services SIRSS has added through the years.

One of the earliest annual reports listed an average clinic caseload of 58 community patients. This has grown to over 2,000 people served annually today. Clearly the need is great and SIRSS has grown to meet that need. Through 50 years of growth, however, they have stayed true to their founding commitment to Build Better Lives and their promise: “You are not alone. We care. We know how to help.”

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the board of directors, administration and staff of Southern Illinois Regional Social Services on their 50th Anniversary and wishing them the very best for many more years to come.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER DOAK

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Jennifer Doak, an active-duty Specialist with the National Guard from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for her dedication and commitment to her country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Jennifer Doak was recognized on Tuesday, June 8. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: JENNIFER DOAK
(By Alexander Hutchins)

Jennifer Doak, a specialist with the Iowa National Guard, pursues her personal goals

and serves her Nation as a current member of the National Guard.

Doak is from "all over Iowa," having moved to different locations around the state approximately every four years with a brief period of residence in Kentucky. Moving around so frequently made it difficult to form many friendships or get to know her community well, but since she was little she has wanted to serve in the military.

"You have to kind of love what you do," Doak said of her decision to join the National Guard.

Doak played sports in her childhood and was an avid reader, but with her mother frequently relocating, she became a fairly introverted child.

She was influenced to join the National Guard partly due to her father's service in the military during her childhood. She joined the National Guard on Oct. 23, 2003 and continues to serve today.

Doak is an M-day soldier with the Guard, serving one weekend a month and two weeks a year. She said her personal goal for her service is to reach the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

When not serving her drill weekend, Doak is a full-time student at the Des Moines Area Community College Boone Campus. She also completed courses with Grantham University Online while deployed overseas. She was recently hired by the Boone County Commission for Veterans Affairs, working to provide services to service men and women in Boone County.

Doak was deployed to the LSA Anaconda base in Iraq from June of 2006 to August of 2007. She worked as a communications specialist and performed maintenance on "anything that plugged in."

When asked about how the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan influences her perception of her vocation, Doak was enthusiastic.

"It makes me want to work harder, to be better at [my job]," she said.

Doak said she does not plan to become a full-time Guardswoman, but she was thankful for the people she has met and friendships she has made during her time in the guard. She said she had no significant regrets from her time in the military except for not being able to be home when loved ones passed away.

"It's a repercussion of any job," she said.

Doak said that she is more aware of things in the world than she used to be, and her time in the Guard has helped her recognize the value of everyday experiences.

"I've grown up quite quickly," Doak said. She said she is more mature and conscious than she was in high school.

In the time between Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Doak encourages everyone to remember what military personnel and veterans have done.

"I think Veterans Day and Memorial Day touch everyone in some capacity," Doak said.

Doak said that even if you do not like that soldiers are deployed somewhere, it's important to thank them when the time is right.

"Remember to thank somebody," she said.

I commend Jennifer Doak for her many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent her in the United States Congress, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

THE FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2010

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce a bill on behalf of myself and the gentlelady from Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE.

The "Federal Protective Service Improvement and Accountability Act of 2010" addresses glaring gaps in security at our Federal buildings by putting the Federal Protective Service (FPS) on the path to fulfilling its homeland security mission.

My legislation would direct FPS to increase its ranks while fostering greater accountability and management of contract guards and security service contracts.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Protective Service (FPS) is a critical component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and of our national security, being the agency responsible for the law enforcement and security of nearly 9,000 Federal facilities all across the country.

Over one million government employees work in federal facilities nationwide and many more members of the public visit and utilize federal facilities each year. Protecting these men and women is of the utmost importance.

FPS was transferred to DHS from the General Services Administration (GSA) under the 2002 Homeland Security Act. Starting in 2006, we began learning about serious capacity and operational challenges in this critical agency.

In 2006, two DHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) reports were released that questioned the management of and security provided by FPS.

The first report revealed that FPS was running a significant budget shortfall due to problems with transferring operational funds when FPS was moved into DHS. The OIG indicated at the time that the fee-funding system employed by FPS to cover the costs of security it provides Federal agencies might be a part of the problem.

The second report included troubling revelations about the state of the contract security guard program which FPS had come to rely on to provide the physical security presence and access point controls at almost all of the facilities under their protection.

In 2006, FPS had less than 1,000 uniformed officers and employed roughly 15,000 contract guards. The OIG discovered that FPS was not performing adequate oversight of guards and estimated that at least 30 percent of contract guards in the facilities they inspected either did not meet suitability requirements to be permitted to stand at their post and perform their job or had at least one expired certification that would also prohibit them from standing post.

Furthermore, the OIG found that the guards standing post often did not adhere to the terms of their contracts by failing to adequately follow the orders laid out by FPS for manning their guard posts. The Inspector General's report concluded that FPS may have created a situation of unnecessary risk and increased vulnerability at Federal facilities by failing to properly oversee their contract guards.

In May 2007, I convened a Full Committee hearing on the state of FPS. At the hearing, we took testimony as to the serious flaws within the contract guard program and learned of FPS' initial plan to address their budget shortfall. FPS planned to transfer more than 200 Federal law enforcement officers and special agents out of FPS, their duties to be fulfilled by contract guards.

At the time, I expressed my strong reservations about this plan. Subsequently, the House Appropriations Committee directed FPS to maintain a staff of at least 1200 FTEs and FPS ended up addressing its budgetary woes by increasing the fee it charged for providing security by 47% between FY2005 and FY2009.

Over the past three years, my Committee has conducted extensive oversight of FPS and its management of the contract guard program.

By April 13, 2010, a follow-on audit by the Government Accountability Office that I requested revealed that previous concerns raised by the OIG as well as my Committee remained unaddressed, and serious security gaps existed.

GAO found that the initial problem of uncertified or unqualified guards standing post due to a lack of proper oversight was still a very big problem. In fact, GAO identified an entire region of roughly 1,500 guards who never received the proper x-ray and magnetometer training from FPS.

In one instance a woman's infant was put through the x-ray scanner, but the guard was able to retain his job after challenging the FPS for never properly training him on how to use the machine.

GAO also continued to find guards standing post with expired certifications, and even found one level IV facility, the highest risk facility FPS protects, where 75% of guards standing post had at least one expired certification.

GAO determined this happened because FPS lacked a reliable system to track and monitor certifications and training of guards, and was relying on contractors to accurately self report on their guards.

GAO concluded that the lack of uniform guidance for the frequency and rigor of guard post inspections meant that FPS rarely inspected many posts, and when they did there was no continuity from region to region with regard to what constituted a proper or thorough inspection.

The most concerning of GAO's findings, however, were the results of their penetration testing.

GAO performed covert penetration tests to see if contract guards in 10 of the highest risk facilities across the Nation would be able to prevent someone with bomb-making materials from entering the facilities. GAO had a 100 percent success rate.

In other words, they were able to sneak bomb making materials into every single facility they tested, on every attempt they made, and were even able to go somewhere within the facility like a bathroom, assemble the device, and then walk around the facility unimpeded, in and out of offices, including those of Members of this House.

This demonstrates an almost complete lack of entryway security at Federal facilities with the highest risk designation, and that is simply unacceptable.

To make matters worse, contract security guards do not have arrest authority of any kind, so if incidents did occur they could often do little besides call the police instead of physically being able to address a threat themselves.

When, in the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, the Obama Administration proposed transferring FPS out of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and into the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), I held another Full Committee hearing to receive testimony as to whether this move would help or hinder reform to enhance FPS' performance.

At the November 2009 hearing, FPS and the leadership of NPPD promised to immediately begin reforms that would address the troubling GAO findings with the contract guard program.

In April, 2010, the Committee on Homeland Security held its third dedicated hearing on the state of FPS. At that hearing, GAO provided testimony on the contract guard program, and the question of whether it was time to rethink the Federal Protective Service's use of contract guards to protect some of our Nation's highest risk facilities.

Specifically, GAO recommended that FPS reassess how it protects Federal facilities, take a stronger role in overseeing contractor performance, and most importantly reassess the use of contract guards in the first place.

FPS responded to the GAO by noting they had increased the frequency of guard post inspections by 40 percent, and were in the process of implementing a multi-million dollar computer risk assessment program to streamline the process of guard post inspections and make them more uniform across the Nation. The computer program was not in use at the time of the hearing though, and still remains largely inoperable today.

In response, GAO stated that even with this new process, FPS was still too understaffed to perform adequate oversight of contractors and contract guards.

I would note that, at my request, GAO is currently performing an audit of the aforementioned computerized risk assessment and management program, known as RAMP.

Interesting, at the hearing, FPS claimed to have performed analysis of the cost savings that might be gained by full or partial conversion of contract guards to Federal positions, and had made the determination that the gains in security were not sufficient to warrant the expense.

Given that FPS lacks both a human capital plan and a current workforce analysis, FPS' contentions were somewhat dubious.

At the conclusion of the hearing, I was left unsatisfied that FPS was able or willing to undertake the necessary reforms. Thus, I came to believe that it would take legislative action to ensure that our Federal buildings had the security that Americans have the right to expect.

I directed my staff to work on legislation to tackle FPS' challenges in a comprehensive fashion.

OVERVIEW OF THE LEGISLATION

The "Federal Protective Service Improvement and Accountability Act of 2010" seeks to bolster FPS' management and diminish its over-reliance on contract guards thereby improving the overall security provided by FPS in many ways:

First, the bill will require FPS to increase the ranks of Federal Law Enforcement inspectors

it employs from the current number of about 800 to 1350. The increased presence of Federal law enforcement within Federal buildings, providing "boots on the ground" security expertise will fundamentally transform FPS.

Within the inspector workforce, the Federal Facility Security Officers shall serve the security expert function, responsible for performing the risk assessments, making security countermeasure recommendations, and performing the onsite inspections of security guard posts.

Complementing this effort will be the contributions of Federal Facility Law Enforcement Officers to address a serious need within Federal facilities for patrolling, performing law enforcement investigations, responding to crises, and exercising arrest authority when necessary.

This augmented inspector workforce—comprised of Federal law enforcement—will provide FPS, for the first time, with a core of specialized security personnel with the training and authority to foster change within the entire organization.

Second, the bill directs FPS to establish a dedicated contract oversight staff to monitor the contract guards. This would allieviate a major responsibility that was thrust upon FPS' law enforcement officers who, though lacking contract oversight knowledge, are expected to monitor contractor performance by contractors. Establishment of a specialized corps of contract oversight staff will have the added benefit of freeing up law enforcement officers to concentrate on their law enforcement duties full time.

Third, the bill will require the establishment of national minimum standards for the level of training and the certification of security guards.

This standard would directly alleviate the problem of different states and regions having contract guards with varying degrees of qualifications and training, despite being certified to act as security guards in their home states or regions.

Fourth, it expresses the sense of Congress that the security standards for Federal facilities established by the Interagency Security Committee, a Federal security advisory committee, and published in the document "Physical Security Criteria for Federal Facilities" become implemented for all Federal facilities for which they were issued. This would be another major step toward ensuring security at Federal facilities was uniform across the Nation.

Fifth, this bill sets up a 1 year pilot program to assess whether a Federal Facility Security Guard that is a Federal employee would do a better job protecting the highest risk federal facilities than a contract guard. GAO is charged with assessing the performance of the Federal Security Guards performing in the pilot.

In the event that the GAO finds their performance satisfactory, the Federal Facility Security Guard position created by the pilot would then become a permanent position at FPS. This pilot program is critical towards possibly addressing the problems with the contract security guard program that are all but endemic at this juncture.

FPS can no longer continue a patchwork approach to plugging security holes consistently found in the contract security guard program. This pilot will present Congress and FPS with a real world example of an alternative to contract guards that would instantly alleviate many concerns regarding the quality and legitimacy of security guard training and certification.

Sixth, this bill will require the highest risk Federal facilities to always maintain a sufficient number of persons with Federal law enforcement arrest authority so that they could respond to any crises that may occur with the necessary force and authority.

Seventh, this bill will require GAO to investigate the fee-funding system FPS utilizes to cover its operating costs. Numerous reports have linked this fee system, which bills tenant agencies for security primarily by a charge per the square footage of the facility, to hindering the progress of integration with DHS, as well as general reform, at FPS by hampering their ability to make decisions that require significant budgetary commitments.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The Federal Protective Service has a critical mission when it comes to this Nation's homeland security because it is a mission that directly protects Americans from potential harm. Yet since it was first moved into the Department of Homeland Security, FPS has been plagued with issues of mismanagement.

Some of these have been addressed, but the most serious issue to date has been the inability of the contract force, upon which FPS heavily relies, to provide adequate security at the entrances and exits to many highly populated and high risk Federal facilities.

This bill takes a comprehensive common-sense approach to addressing these security holes as quickly and responsibly as possible.

Simply put, FPS needs more officers, and this bill will give it to them. At the same time, FPS needs to find alternatives to its current contract-reliant approach to guarding facilities and this bill does just that by putting FPS on a path to building needed internal capacity to provide guard services.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the "Federal Protective Service Improvement and Accountability Act of 2010" and work with me to get passage of this critical homeland security legislation.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF APPLE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the hard work of a group of educators from the United States and Canada who have provided their services to the people of Lithuania for 20 years.

The American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education, better known as APPLE, is marking its twentieth anniversary this year. APPLE was founded in 1990, as Lithuania emerged from the Soviet Union's iron curtain, for the purpose of supporting education reform in Lithuania as part of that nation's transition back to democracy.

APPLE is a non-profit which partners with the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science to train Lithuanian teachers in subjects ranging from agriculture, civics and geography to art and music. APPLE has grown from its first two week seminar in one city in 1991 into a program which conducted an entire summer program in nine cities throughout the country in 2009.

I want to join with the other Members of this House in congratulating the American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education on

celebrating its twentieth anniversary and to wish them many more years of success in bringing the gift of education and democracy to the Lithuanian people.

IN HONOR OF ANDY LINENBERG
AND JACQUIE HUYNNAH-LINENBERG

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Andy Linenberg and Mrs. Jacquie Huynah-Linenberg, students at the Rutgers School of Law in Camden, New Jersey, who spent their 2010 spring break volunteering for the Housing Unit at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS).

Mr. Linenberg and Mrs. Huynah-Linenberg participated in the APIL (Association for Public Interest Law) Alternative Spring Break and provided pro bono legal service to an elderly woman who had lived in a public housing facility in New Orleans. She was facing eviction but thanks to Mr. Linenberg and Mrs. Huynah-Linenberg's hard work the woman was able to avoid eviction and remain in her home.

Mr. Linenberg received his Juris Doctor in May 2010 and by working for this deserving client, he reconfirmed his dream of improving the lives of others by helping them enforce their rights.

Mrs. Huynah-Linenberg earned her MBA degree and plans on returning to New Orleans to provide legal support for citizens still coping with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Andrew Linenberg and Mrs. Jacquie Huynah-Linenberg for their efforts in promoting and advancing justice to those who need it most.

HONORING BOB WEISMAN

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Weisman's 30 years of service to Palm Beach County. Currently the County Administrator, Bob has devoted his professional life to public service and bettering the south Florida community.

Shortly after graduating college, Bob began his career civil engineer for Palm Beach County quickly rising through the ranks and became the Director of Development Engineering under the Water Utilities Department in 1981. In 1985, Bob was once again promoted to become the Assistant Director of the Water Utilities Department and, after only 6 months, became the Director. In 1988, Bob joined the county administration and was named the Assistant County Administrator, eventually becoming the Senior Assistant County Administrator. In 1995, Bob became the Palm Beach County Administrator.

As the County Administrator, Bob has been charged with the implementation of a \$4 billion budget and oversight of over 6,000 county employees. Together with the over 30 county administration departments, Bob is entrusted

with providing quality services, programs, and information to the over 1 million residents of Palm Beach County.

Under Bob's guidance, Palm Beach County has enjoyed supervisory and fiscal stability making Palm Beach County one of the fastest growing counties in the Nation.

I would like to congratulate Bob for his 30 years of service to the Florida community. I am honored to have his friendship and can truly say that Palm Beach County is better place because of the hard work and dedication of Bob Weisman.

HONORING NEA JAZZ MASTER
GERALD WILSON

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, legendary jazz artist Gerald Wilson will be honored at the 2010 Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference Jazz Issue Forum and Concert. This event will take place on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington, D.C. The concert will feature selections from Mr. Wilson's masterwork "Detroit," performed by the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra. While not a native of Detroit, Mr. Wilson was raised in my home town. He has had an outstanding career that deserves the recognition of this body. Let me share some of the highlights from his biography.

Gerald Wilson is a premier composer, trumpeter, arranger, bandleader and educator. His work, during his rich and varied seven-decade career, has supported some of the greatest names in jazz including Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Bobby Darin, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Carter, Nancy Wilson, and Sarah Vaughn, as well as a scorer for motion pictures and television shows such as Otto Preminger's "Anatomy Of A Murder" and ABC's variety program "The Red Fox Show." Wilson also scored a top 40 pop hit with El Chicano's version of his song "Viva Torado" in 1971. Recently, Wilson was in the studio recording new material for his sixth release for the Mack Avenue Records label, a follow up to 2009's "Detroit."

The perennially inexhaustible bandleader will be included in two upcoming documentaries; the first about Cab Calloway produced by ARTE France and expected to air in America on PBS, and the other about Los Angeles' storied Million Dollar Theater.

Wilson has earned seven Grammy Nominations, a recent NAACP Image Award nomination, a NARAS President's Merit Award, top Big Band and Composer/Arranger honors in the Downbeat International Critics Poll, the National Endowment for the Arts' American Jazz Masters Fellowship, two American Jazz Awards for Best Arranger and Best Big Band, and currently his masterpieces are ensconced at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. His love for jazz and his 30 year educational career in teaching music also earned him the Teacher of the Year award at UCLA in 2008. Most recently, The Gerald Wilson Orchestra's "Detroit" (Mack Avenue, 2009) won "Record of the Year" at the 2010 Jazz Week Awards.

Despite earning such various accolades throughout his career, his road to success hasn't always been easy. At 91 years old, Gerald Wilson has struggled through more than 9 decades of opposition to contribute to the fight for civil rights and to share his passion for music with the world. Born in 1918 into a hotbed of racial tension in Shelby, Mississippi, Wilson was sent by his mother to live with family in the more tepid Detroit, where his musical talents afforded him the rare opportunity to attend the performing arts school, Cass Tech High School (a school that was second only to Juilliard for musical education at the time). As Wilson will tell you, this is where his musical career truly began.

By the age of 26 Wilson had toured the United States with Jimmie Lunceford's band, served time in the Navy during World War II, and wrote and played trumpet for Benny Carter and Les Hite before starting his own successful band, The Gerald Wilson Orchestra.

After reaching commercial success in the late '40s and marrying his Mexican-American soul mate, Josefina Villasenor Wilson, Wilson's passion for cultural immersion came to life both emotionally and creatively. Wilson began composing for more than half a dozen professional bullfighters. These masterpieces bonded Wilson in a lifelong kinship with the bullfighting community and afforded him the opportunity to be a member of the exclusive international bullfighting club, Los Aficionados des Los Angeles, and then honored with an award for contributing something positive to the world of "tauramaquia" (the world of the bull fight).

Hopping from one creative outlet to the next, in 1969 after intense study of his own on the art of classical music, Wilson was honored to receive an invitation from Zubin Mehta to compose a number for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

Wilson's passion to incorporate his art into his selfless crusade for civil rights has remained paramount in his life and has touched the lives in countless cultures and countries around the world. When asking this humble legend about his great successes, Wilson, who will be 92 years old this September, responds with sincere humility, "I just try to be a person worthy of being a part of this great art form."

Madam Speaker, I am very proud of the accomplishments of Gerald Wilson. I urge all Members to acquaint themselves with this great artist and his music.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH
AMENDMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which enshrined into law on August 26, 1920, the right of American women to vote. It is with deep admiration and respect that I pay tribute today to the brave women in our history, particularly Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony, whose courage and determination blazed a trail in the fight for women's equality.

Since the adoption of the 19th Amendment, women have continued to reach significant milestones in that fight for women's equality, including having a greater presence in our government. Today, 17 women serve in the Senate and 76 in the House, and you, Madam Speaker, are making history as the first female Speaker of the House. Also noteworthy is the unprecedented participation of women in our judicial branch. The Supreme Court was without the service of a single woman for nearly 200 years until September 25, 1981, when Sandra Day O'Connor was confirmed as the first woman Supreme Court Justice. Today, for the first time in history, there are three women serving simultaneously on our Nation's highest court: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan.

While we acknowledge that much progress has been made in the fight for women's equality, we must also recognize that significant work remains to be done. For the first time in our Nation's history, women make up half of the entire U.S. workforce, yet according to the U.S. Department of Labor, they still do not receive compensation packages equivalent to those of their male counterparts.

My home state of Indiana reflects both these significant milestones in the fight for gender equality in the United States and the disparities that still exist. In 1920, Julia Nelson became the first woman to serve in our state legislature. Nine decades later, 31 of the 150 seats in the Indiana General Assembly are filled by women. Clearly, much work remains in our efforts for women's equality in our communities, our states, and our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in marking the 90th anniversary of the legal guarantee of women's right to vote, and in acknowledging that the promise of freedom and equality in America requires our ongoing focus to diminish those remaining gender-based inequities. In doing so, we honor the memory of the pioneers of women's suffrage like Mott, Cady Stanton, and Anthony, and create better futures for our mothers, sisters, daughters, wives, and friends.

TRIBUTE TO GARY ALTER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, today I would like to remember my good friend, Gary Alter. Gary passed away on May 18th, a victim of cancer and will be honored tonight at the Flint Jewish Federation's 21st Annual Donald Rieggle Community Service Awards ceremony.

Born in 1936 at Steubenville, Ohio, Gary Alter came to Flint 11 years ago to assume the post of Executive Director of the Flint Jewish Federation. He said he came to Flint because it was "a community that was active and had people who cared." The love and respect Gary had for Flint was reflected back to him by the community. He was passionate about developing the community into a place of strength, vibrancy, and diversity. He believed that people could get past their differences and work for the common good. Gary was an active participant in Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Beth El, Rotary Club of Flint,

100 Club of Flint, Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, Genesee County Census 2010 Committee, Michigan Jewish Conference, Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce, Urban League of Flint, the Hate Crimes Task Force, Flint Golf Club, and Professional Golf Teacher's Association of America.

Gary was deeply committed to maintaining Jewish traditions and heritage. He was involved in bringing Soviet Jews to the United States, he established the Karen Schneider Jewish Film Festival in Flint, and he was a passionate supporter of Israel. He leaves behind his wife, Emily Alter, and children: Dr. Carol Alter, Karen Jacobson, Alison Bank, and Andrew Bank to cherish his memory.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and remember the life and work of Gary Alter. I considered Gary a wonderful friend and an outstanding humanitarian. His compassionate, insight and enthusiasm are deeply missed by all that knew him. May his memory be a blessing and to the Jewish community, "May God console you among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem, Ha'makom yenehem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyonvi'Yerushalayim."

CELEBRATING THE DESIGNATION OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE AS AN ADVANTAGE WEST CERTIFIED ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eastern Band of Cherokee in Cherokee, North Carolina on becoming a Certified Entrepreneurial Community by the AdvantageWest Economic Development Group. AdvantageWest, an economic development commission which serves 23 Western North Carolina counties, created the "Certified Entrepreneurial Community Program" to train local communities to encourage small business start-ups in the mountain region and to help such businesses thrive.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee, North Carolina has an over 11,000-year history rich with culture, arts, and a heritage of magnificent storytelling. Being designated as a Certified Entrepreneurial Community is just one example of the continuation of the remarkable history, and a tribute to the vision of the Eastern Band of Cherokee. The focus on youth and education as integral components of their Certified Entrepreneurial Community vision ensures that the future leaders of the community will have the tools to continue their strong legacy.

The Certification, developed by the AdvantageWest Center for Rural Entrepreneurship Institute, contains a strict set of guidelines that highlight a community's enthusiasm and readiness to support entrepreneurship and small business. While several communities throughout Western North Carolina have become certified as entrepreneurial communities, the Eastern Band of Cherokee is the first nation to receive this designation. This designation showcases the Eastern Band of Cherokee's foresight in creating and fostering an environment in which prosperity can be achieved. As a Certified Entrepreneurial Com-

munity, the Eastern Band will build upon the success of its marketing campaign to further promote the potential of its people to the United States and abroad.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues today to celebrate this remarkable honor bestowed on The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina, and their commitment to the future of their people. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating their outstanding achievement.

TRIBUTE TO CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of Carlisle Christian Church of Carlisle, Iowa, on celebrating their 150th anniversary as a congregation.

The Carlisle Christian Church was founded in 1860, shortly after the pioneer village of Carlisle was formed. As the town grew, so did the church, moving to several different locations from the town school to the homes of members of the congregation. The Carlisle Christian Church moved into a permanent building in 1868, where it continued to grow with the community for the next 150 years.

Today, the Carlisle Christian Church serves the community as a sponsor for the local Boy Scout troop and acts as a center for holiday worship for the whole town of Carlisle. The church, in partnership with other parishes, also provides for families with special needs in the Carlisle community through the Christian Community in Action program. In addition to their service work, the congregation frequently sponsors a float and a booth during the town's annual 4th of July festivities.

The Carlisle Christian Church has been an integral part of the surrounding community, and for this, I offer the congregation my utmost congratulations on a prosperous history. It is an honor to represent all the parishioners and the current Pastor, Rev. Karen L. Moore, in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success, grace, peace and celebration as a community.

RECOGNIZING SUE THOMPSON FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Sue Thompson and her dedication to the city of Highland Village, Texas. On September 3, 2010, Sue is retiring after 22 years of distinguished service.

Sue first came to the city of Highland Village as the Service Action Center Coordinator for the Code Enforcement Department in September of 1988. Since that time, Sue has been quite the Renaissance woman and has served Highland Village in five other positions: administrative assistant for the Service Action Center; Community Development Coordinator;

Community Services Coordinator; Community Services Manager; and Community Development Manager.

In 1996, Sue established the Highland Village Business Association, HVBA, which has served to promote local businesses in the community and enhance the connectivity and support of its members. Sue has capably spearheaded the HVBA's most special event each November, the annual "Salute Our Veterans" Luncheon, where each veteran in attendance is recognized. My office has been proud to participate in this important event to honor local veterans since its inception in 2003.

Sue has been involved in many other community activities as well, including the Highland Village Women's Club, Highland Village Lion's Club, and the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant to both her community and the Nation, Mrs. Sue Thompson. Sue has been an extremely dedicated staff member of the city of Highland Village and demonstrated wholehearted commitment to the community, and it is my honor to represent such a valued community member in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING COUNCILMAN ROBBIE
WATERS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sacramento City Councilman Robbie Waters, who has served the people of Sacramento for more than 55 years. In recognition of his public service, the Sacramento Public Library Authority has named its new library, the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, in his honor. As his colleagues, friends and family gather to celebrate his career and this outstanding project, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding public servant.

Robbie has a long history of serving his country and community. Not long after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and completed his service in 1957. He then returned to his hometown of Sacramento and became an officer with the Sacramento Police Department. During his time with the Sacramento Police Department he held several key positions, including leadership roles in the detective bureau and homicide unit.

Robbie was elected to the position of Sacramento County Sheriff in 1982 and served in that position until 1987. He accomplished many goals during his term as Sheriff, including focusing more resources in the North

Area, expanding the Sexual Assaults Bureau, implementing the 911 Emergency Response System, and developing the "Thumbs Up" fingerprinting program to help protect local children. Altogether, Robbie has served over 28 years in law enforcement.

After retiring from the Sheriff's Department, Robbie was elected to the Sacramento City Council where he has served for 16 years. As a councilman, he worked on a variety of community projects, including renovation of all 13 of his district's playgrounds, and collaboration with neighborhood associations to improve the quality of life for Sacramento families. He has received numerous awards for his work, most notably the prestigious Certificate of Merit from President Bill Clinton.

The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library is a new 15,000-square-foot library which will be used by the public, including thousands of Sacramento area students. The project features a 100-seat community room, two group study rooms and quiet reading rooms, and will eventually hold more than 50,000 books. The library is truly a leap forward for the Pocket-Greenhaven neighborhood. When completed, it will be certified by the U.S. Green Building Council with a LEED Silver rating.

Councilman Waters has played an important role in getting this library built and has worked tirelessly as a board member for the Sacramento Public Library Authority. In addition, he helped initiate the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, an all-volunteer community organization, whose mission has been to advocate for the library as well as provide funding for books, materials, programs, and library activities.

Madam Speaker, I am truly honored to pay tribute to my friend and dedicated public servant, Councilman Robbie Waters. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Robbie, and his wife of 49 years, Judie, continued success and happiness in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING THE TOUR OF DUTY
RUN

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Australian and American participants of the Tour of Duty Run as they complete the 4,600 mile journey from Los Angeles, California to New York, New York to honor the memory of those who died responding to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

These firefighters, police officers, military personnel and emergency service workers have come together in a symbol of international unity to remember those who gave their lives to save others. Leaving Los Angeles

on August 12, they have stopped in four U.S. cities along their journey before reaching our nation's capital on September 7.

On their journey to New York City, they have shown that firefighters the world over are alike in innumerable ways, forming a global family dedicated to hospitality, service, and public safety.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Tour of Duty Run for their symbolic gesture of fraternity, camaraderie and unwavering commitment to peace.

HONORING COLLETTE JOHNSON-
SCHULKE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Collette Johnson-Schulke, who has been a tireless advocate of quality health care in the Sacramento Region. As she retires from her position with Sutter Health, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Collette for her immeasurable service to the Sacramento community.

Before serving as Director of Government Relations for Sutter Health, Collette worked as District Director for my late husband, Congressman Robert T. Matsui, from 1991 to 1997. For seven years, she coordinated his official duties and worked diligently on his behalf for the people of Sacramento. As Director of Government Relations for Sutter Health, she has been instrumental in supporting Sutter's commitment to the Sacramento community. In recent years, Sutter has started a major expansion of their Women and Children's Center, as well as comprehensive renovations of Sutter General Hospital and the Sutter Cancer Center.

Collette has served on the Boards of Directors of numerous local non-profits that serve the people of Sacramento. This includes the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Valley Vision, the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission and Sutter's Sacramento Community Benefits Board. As part of Sutter's Sacramento Community Benefits Board, she helped identify and implement local community benefit activities through partnerships with government and non-profit agencies. Collette also served on the Board of Directors of the Midtown Business Association and as the Division Vice President of State and Municipal Legislation for the National Association of Realtors.

Madam Speaker, as Collette, her husband, Francis Schulke, family, friends and colleagues gather to celebrate her retirement, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting this truly remarkable woman for her many years of service to the people of Sacramento.